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Shadows of a Great City, the play which L. R. Stanwell wrote and Joseph Jefferson is said to have inspired, was acted at the Grand Opera House for the first time in New York on Monday night. The theatre was crowded from roof to parquet, and the melodrama, we may say at once, proved an emphatic popular success. The plot is absorbing, the situations thrilling, and the treatment of the story and the arrangement of the characters decidedly clever. No imported drama of this class which has been brought to us of recent years can compare in point of merit with this work. It possesses pathos, humor, heroism, and that element of suspense so essential to the enjoyment of a domestic play. It also offers opportunities for scenic and mechanical achievements of a novel and effective description. It is more interesting than The Streets of New York and more consistent and compact than The Lights o' London. It deals, moreover, with types of character and localities that are familiar to us. Experienced dramatists have given it as their opinion that a successful local melodrama is impossible, because our public is always inclined to laugh or sneer at familiar and commonplace places and people. In Shadows of a Great City the fallacy of this statement is proved. The subject was always practicable—it only needed a skilful hand to put it into acceptable shape.

The plot is straightforward and replete with dramatic elements. A sailor, Tom Cooper, is by the machinations of one George Benson imposed on at a diamond robbery, convicted and sentenced to the Island. Mrs. Standish, a poor woman who has incurred her wealthy's father's displeasure by a *mesalliance*, and is reduced to poverties, is also cast by the authorities to Blackwell's. She has a child, which in the event of the mother's death will fall heir to the father's immense property. Mrs. Standish dies in the pauper ward, and the child is stolen by a convict named Jim Farren, employed by Benson for the purpose, who escapes from the prison by the assistance of a couple of bribed keepers. They take to a boat. Jim throws the child into an eddy from a rock in Hell Gate, but Tom jumps in and saves her life. Fifteen years elapse. The child Helen has grown to womanhood under the care of Biddy Roman, who keeps a boathouse on the Harlem. Tom and she are in love. His history has been kept a secret from her. Jim, who was thought to be drowned, turns up and "blows the gaff." Benson causes the arrest of Tom as an escaped convict, while Helen is taken by the former, who is her legal guardian, to his palatial residence. Here, Tom, who escapes again from jail, arrives in time to save his sweetheart's life. His innocence of the crime for which he is sentenced is established, Benson, the guilty party, is taken in charge by the police, and everything ends happily for the lovers.

Shadows of a Great City is a rattling good melodrama. The scenes of the convicts, accompanied by a panorama of the city's waterfronts, and the incidents of the fourth and fifth acts, caused intense enthusiasm. The virtuous dramatic personæ enlisted the heartiest sympathies of the house, while the villainous ditto aroused a wholesome degree of repugnance. The play would easily run a hundred nights if it were well mounted. The scenery at the Grand Opera was good enough for a week's engagement, but the possibilities for fine effect in this direction were by no means exhausted.

The company proved to be composed of first-rate material. The leading man, R. R. Graham, was manly and picturesque as the persecuted hero, Tom, while Julia Stuart was pretty and vivacious as Helen. We cannot conscientiously commend her acting as Mrs. Standish in the earlier acts. She was too slow and whined unpleasantly. George R. Edeson made of the thief, Jim Farren, an admirable character sketch. O. H. Barr was a good picture of acting, and W. W. Allen played a Jew pawnbroker with a good deal of humor. Annie Ward Tiffany captured the house as the good-hearted Irishwoman, Biddy Roman. The other people were satisfactory.

Mr. Stanwell's drama will do a big week's business on the West side. Next Monday the Callot Bath company will appear.

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Admirable scenery and an excellent cast were provided for the production of Mr. Daly's new play, Lords and Commons, at Daly's Theatre, on Saturday night. The audience was large and fashionable, but the piece, despite its well-nigh perfect presentation, did not enlist emphatic approval. It is in marked contrast to the merry farces with which Mr. Daly has for some time past regaled the public. The subject is somewhat serious, although there is a lightly humorous undertint. Like Caste and several other modern English pieces, its purpose is to show the pride of ancestry opposed and fatally foretold by honest democracy. Mr. Pinero very prettily contrasts the former element, while the latter is depicted in a manner neither vulgar nor obtrusive. The contest of the Lords and Commons forms a delightful little genre picture, and yet its beauties are so quiet and its interest so purely English that there is little hope of its modest merits being appreciated here. The dialogue is terse and natural. The characterization is good, particularly in the introduction of several minor people, all of whom were recognized as truthful creations. Lords and Commons is not so smart or interesting a piece as Robertson's elucidation of the same theme, but it has points of excellence which place it far above the average English play whose motive is to illustrate certain social conditions.

The story is simple. The scene is laid at the ancient ancestral home of the Caryls, a family with a noble and honorable lineage. The young Earl, Basil, his sister, Lady Nell, and his mother, the Countess of Curlyl, are in financial straits and have sold their place to a wealthy American, Mrs. Devenish. The proud old Countess and her children are loth to leave the home of their forefathers, but they refuse an invitation from the purchaser to remain as guests. The family prepares to leave, but the Countess is overcome by grief, and, after all, they are compelled to accept Mrs. Devenish's hospitality. This lady has brought with her from California a Miss Mapleback and Tom Jervoise, an Englishman, who has spent ten years at the California mines acquiring experience and the rough manners of the country. Tom promptly falls in love with Lady Nell, who at first spurns him on account of his plebeian position, but afterward is attracted toward him, causes him to polish his rough exterior, and finally requires his patience with her hand. Miss Mapleback is a volatile New York girl who uses an aristocratic uncle of Lady Nell in hand and succeeds in conquering his pride and prejudices. These American arrivals, including Mrs. Devenish, make themselves so agreeable and necessary to the haughty Countess that she becomes fond of them. Mrs. Devenish, it transpires, is the wife of the Earl, who fled from his side an hour after their marriage some years anterior to the beginning of the play. She conceals this fact, wins the nobleman's love, teaches him respect for honest labor by inducing him to become the manager of some lead mines which she has developed in the Caryl estate, and then makes him happy by revealing her real identity.

As we have said, the cast was admirable throughout. The superiority of Mr. Daly's company is shown in the efficiency with which all the parts, from the greatest to the smallest, are handled. In this fine organization the utility and the character actor score successes as distinct as those made by the leading man and woman. Otis Skinner played Basil very earnestly and sincerely. Experience in the legitimate drama has given him a freedom and ease which few drawing-room actors possess, but it has also left traces of mannerisms, acquired, probably, from contact with Lawrence Barrett. John Drew was amusing and breezy as Tom, who is attached to the customs and vernacular of the California mines. James Lewis, as Mr. Snow, a fossilized family retainer; Charles Leclercq as Lord Percy, the Countess' ultra-aristocratic brother, and Frederick Bond, who doubled the parts of a fashionable doctor and a bashful miner, all made character hits. Miss Rehan was very charming as the scornful Lady Nell—a girl whose better nature is clouded by foolish family pride. But we have two faults to find with this actress—her pronunciation is slightly "mushy" and her enunciation is a trifle monotonous. Both these blemishes may be rectified; but even if they are not we can forgive them in view of the lady's bright personality and absence of conventionality. Mrs. Gilbert, as the Countess, was the perfect embodiment of a fussy yet lovely old woman of the ancient regime. On Virginia Dreher fell the heavy work of the evening. She was cast for Mrs. Devenish. Had she and Miss Rehan exchanged parts we think a better result would have been attained, for Miss Dreher, although she acted with discretion and care, lacked the force essential to a representation of a character that borders on the emotional domain. Miss Fielding was winsome and vivacious as Miss Mapleback. The scenery—with the exception of the over-colored exterior in Act Three—was exquisite. Especially worthy to be singled out for praise was the gallery in Caryl Hall, shown in the first and second acts. The staircase and gallery at the back made it somewhat awkward for the actors' exits, but the picture looked exactly like the real thing.

When Lords and Commons has run its course Mr. Daly will bring out a new comedy from a German source. That will be followed by revivals of Needles and Pins, She Would and She Would Not, and other comedies.

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On Thursday night of last week Mr. Irving presented Much Ado About Nothing to a large and delighted audience. The delight was not occasioned so much by the individual acting of the star as by the completeness of the performance down to the smallest details. The arrangement of the scenes, the picturesque groupings and all the minor adjuncts were worthy of the utmost commendation. The masque scene, with its graceful gallivants dancing stately measures in the background; the interior of the church, with its illuminated altar, choir-boys, sculpture and the other auxiliaries of ecclesiastic pomp and ceremony—these were the most admirable of the exquisite series of stage pictures which Mr. Irving exhibits in his revival of the lovely comedy. As was the case last season, Ellen Terry was the chief honoree of the evening. Her Beatrice, to our thinking, is the perfect realization of Shakespeare's heroine. Is bubbles with unconscious wit, it is replete with impulsiveness, and it sparkles with healthy vivacity. She wears the brilliant retorts to Benedick with charming naturalness, while the expressions of sympathy for the rejected Hero in the church are full of tender sincerity. Miss Terry captivated the house, and no evidence was lacking to prove that, as between herself and Mr. Irving, she is by far the greater favorite. The merits and defects of the latter's Benedick are the same as when we pointed them out upon a former occasion, unless we except his pronunciation, which has been modified so that his lines are understood without the disagreeable expedient of straining the ear to comprehend what he is saying. The adoption of a Christian utterance convinces us of what we suspected, viz: that Mr. Irving's eccentricities of speech were merely affected in order, no doubt, to be original and peculiar. If his angular gestures and jerky pedal movements are also explicable on the same theory, then my beg of the actor to discard all these disagreeable mannerisms and appear in his own natural self. Any change in these respects would be an improvement. Probably the elocutionary manifestations already alluded to are attributable to Mr. Irving's desire to conciliate the adverse critics his affectations have created, and to satisfy the very rational demands of the public for natural and intelligible speech. If he stays long enough in America, we doubt not this process of evolution will progress to such an extent that on his return to London Mr. Irving's admirers, as well as his antagonists, will take a new interest in his performances. His Benedick is not the graceful, chivalrous soldier who rails at womankind but is ever ready to enlist his heart and hand in their service. There is a grotesqueness in his comedy that ill replaces the refined and delicate humor with which we are accustomed to seeing the role infused. Nevertheless, he strives to be picturesque, and as his intentions are good we can afford to take the will for the deed. Mr. Alexander made an acceptable Don Pedro, but he had a difficult task to efface the recollection of Terriss' performance. That he did not succeed does not imply that his acting was unsatisfactory, but rather that his predecessor left an unapproachable criterion. Hero was very sweetly played by Winifred Emery; Norman Forbes was earnestly effective as Claudio, Mr. Tyars made a capital plotting Don John, and Mr. Johnson's Dogberry was full of quaint humor. The rest of the cast preserved a degree of even excellence. Owing to the poor facilities of the stage there were many hitches in changing the scenes. The front scenes had to be both rolled and hoisted and the operation was frequently the cause of delay.

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On Saturday night Mr. Irving gave his remarkable impersonation of Louis XI. before a large and fashionable house. However opinion may be divided as to the merits of this star's Shakespearean efforts, there can be but one opinion regarding his performance of the crafty, cowardly, treacherous monarch who is the central figure in Delevigne's play. It is a marvellous achievement. The actor sinks his own individuality in that of the character he assumes and presents a weirdly fascinating, grimly humorous portraiture which rivets the attention and compels admiration of the artist's methods. The audience found occasion for lavish applause in almost every scene, and after the startlingly realistic death of the King they called Mr. Irving before the curtain. Mr Alexander as Nemours, Mr. Tyars as Tristan and Mr. Wenman as Coitier did excellent work, while Miss Emery added to the pleasant impression she had already created by her intelligent acting as Marie.

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On Monday night The Lyons Mail was played before a large house. This is one of the most successful pieces in the Lyceum repertoire, as it enables Mr Irving to do some wonderfully clever character acting. As Joseph Lesurques, who is accused and convicted of robbery and murder, he presents a telling picture of a high minded man who is the soul of courtesy and honor, and about whose innocent person, by an extraordinary and unfortunate resemblance to the real culprit, a set of damning evidence is woven. As Dubosc, the villainous drunkard and highwayman, who possesses not a redeeming trait, he affords a striking embodiment of treachery, rascality, brutality. The two characterizations are entirely distinct, and yet the personal resemblance retained is sufficient to keep the principal incident of the drama within the bounds of reason and probability. The audience took every point, and applauded Irving to the echo. Several times during the evening he was recalled. The part of Jeanne, assumed last season by Miss Terry, was assumed to that very reliable actress, Miss Payne, who played it very satisfactorily. Mr. Alexander, as Courtois, and Mr. Forbes, as Didier, may be mentioned as worthy of special praise. The minor characters were well played. The drama was very carefully staged.

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The first production of Twelfth Night in this city by the Lyceum company was announced by a large assemblage on Tuesday night. Of all their representations this one is probably the most perfect in respect to scenic beauty. The various sets were marvels of artistic design and color. Certainly no Shakespearean play has ever been so superbly mounted in this country. The Viola of Adelaide Bellaire is still vividly remembered, and Miss Terry's acting did not efface the recollection of it. But she was very charming, nevertheless. She bore herself gracefully in the shirt and hose of Cesario and delivered the beautiful lines with rare sincerity and feeling. The speech beginning, "My lord, she never told her love," was given with tender fervor, and when it ended the actress's cheeks were stained with tears. Mr. Irving played Malvolio admirably. It is an odd part for a star to select, inasmuch as it merely concerns the underplot of the comedy. However, the shallow conceit of Olivia's steward was capitally illustrated by Mr. Irving, and his performance certainly added to the finish of the representation. Mr. Alexander played the colorless part of Orsino very well, while Miss Emery acted Olivia with much grace. The drunken Sir Toby and the cowardly Sir Andrew were excellently done by Messrs. Tyars and Forbes. Miss Payne was full of sort and mischief as Maria. The dresses of principals and supers were superb. Twelfth Night will be repeated until Friday, and then The Merchant of Venice will be performed. At the matinee Twelfth Night is again to be acted, and for the evening The Lyons Mail is set down. Mr. Irving will probably be seen as Hamlet next week. The event will exercise the critics, no doubt.

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The auditorium of Niblo's Garden presented a packed appearance on Monday night. Monte Cristo was never acted, we are inclined to believe, to a more enthusiastic house. The company is not so strong in many cases as it was last season, but there are enough capable people in the cast to give the melodrama fitting presentation. The scenery used was very good, and this feature contributed materially to the enjoyment of the spectators. We have hitherto dwelt upon James O'Neill's acting as Edmund Dantes. He gives the part of the romantic hero much strength and looks as handsome as the fair contingent could desire. Mr. O'Neill will never achieve great success in roles of this kind, because he lacks the dash and quickness so essential in making points. However, he appears to please the majority of the public and these defects seem to detract not a jot from their enjoyment of his work. Ralph Delmore plays Noirtier very well. True, he has not the grace and elegance of his predecessors, Henry Lee and Frederic de Belleville, but in the various disguises assumed he displayed considerable versatility. Eugenia Blair looked attractive as Mercedes, but her efforts were somewhat like those of a novice. The rest of the company showed an even amount of acceptability. Monte Cristo will hold the stage for two weeks and then the Lyewood company is to begin an engagement.

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Large receipts are the rule at Tony Pastor's. A capital show is given there this week. The more prominent features of the bill are Harry Steele, who does some clever gymnastic roller-skating; Frank Moran, the laughter-provoking comic; Hilda Thomas, the pretty balladist; the supple Lamont trio of acrobats; McCarthy and Monroe in a convulsing sketch depicting the troubles of an Irish laundry woman and a Chinese washee-washee; and Marie Lofton, the English serio comic vocalist. The olio is supplemented by a comedy called Wrinkles, in which Mr. and Mrs. Harry Watson appear. The piece treats of the comic adventures of a German who attends a masquerade ball and is found out and followed by his wife, who leads him into all sorts of complications and teaches him a lesson. Mr. Watson is a quaint and original dialect comedian, and his wife is pretty, refined and an accomplished singer. Harry Clark, with his amusing imitations, and Sara Lacreline give excellent support to the stars in this piece. For next week a special holiday programme has been arranged.

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Her Atonement drew a very large house to the People's Theatre on Monday. The thrilling incidents of the piece evoked enthusiasm, and the acting of the company left little to be desired. Eleanor Merrett, Alice Grey, Frank Tannehill, Clarence Heritage, Henry Dunolly and Frederic Sackett were the most successful members of the cast. The drama will have a big week in the Bowery. On Monday next, Mr. Miner's Silver King party will be the attraction, with DeBelleville, Eleanor Carey and other capable actors.

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The Third Avenue Theatre was filled on Monday night by the admirers of Oliver Doud Byron, who appeared in his military drama, Hero. The actor, who seems to be bent on exhausting the possibilities of nomenclature, figures on the play-bills the present week simply as "Byron." Kent Byron, as Isabel, and Dickie Bohen, as Sallie Lincoln, were evidently efficient among the members of the star's support. The scenery was good. Some amusement was caused by the supers who came on for the U. S. Army. They seemed animated in number, but the gallery cues "vanished" as the fact that a handful of men were going off, hurrying back behind the scenes to enter again. The discovery created shrill shrieks and calliope-like whistles from the boys aloft.

Next week Manager Rankin begins his stock season with the production of the English melodrama, Nature or Guilt, by Conquest and Pettit. The cast will include Messrs. Macdaniel, Harkins, Mitchell, Wallace, Lyttil, and Hamilton, and Misses Turner and Heron and Mr. and Mrs. Rankin. New scenery and mechanical effects have been prepared, and it is promised that the play will be presented in the most complete manner. Mr. Rankin has engaged a company of well-known people well adapted for the production of melodramatic works, and we hope his new venture will meet with appreciation and encouragement.

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The Outlaw Brothers is the bill at the New Park Theatre the present week. The original Mrs. Jesse James and the James heroes have equal prominence in the representation.

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Professor Cromwell's Sunday night entertainments at the Grand Opera House are being well attended. The subject of the last was "The Homes of England and Ireland." A large audience listened to the Professor's entertaining lecture and viewed the beautiful stereopticon pictures with pleasure. London will be illustrated next Sunday evening. To this diverting and instructive order of Sabbath amusement the strictest moralist can find no objection. Our people should have more extensive opportunities of this kind for relieving the tedium of the Seventh Day.

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Miss Davenport is playing an immensely profitable engagement at the Fourteenth Street Theatre. Last week Fedora was seen by crowds, and the attendance since Monday has been conspicuously large. The star's acting in this great play offers so many praiseworthy points that the enthusiasm of the public can very readily be understood. People go to see it again and again with increased enjoyment. The company supporting her, from Mr. Lee down, is composed of painstaking artists, and the scenery is so much better than Manager Colville has accustomed us to, that this also is the occasion of approval. There is not before the public at present a more thoroughly satisfying performance.

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Investigation continues to crowd the Theatre Comique, but its nights are numbered, for Mr. Harrigan has prepared and is rehearsing a comedy which will see the footlights before long. Of course as long as Investigation draws so well as it is doing the new piece will be delayed; but the long-headed manager is never caught napping, so he will have things in readiness when the necessity for a quick change arises.

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Fantasma has made a big hit at the Fifth Avenue Theatre. Its features are so novel and entertaining that there is not a dull moment in the whole performance. Ladies and children thickly pack the matinees. The Hanlons, we think, have a fortune in this show, which is unique and destined to enjoy lasting popularity. If only for the work done by the clown, Pizarello, Fantasma is well worth seeing. But there are, besides, a hundred-and-one enjoyable features.

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The Private Secretary continues to delight large gatherings at the Madison Square Theatre. The acting of Messrs. Le Moyne, Thornton and Whiffen is a treat, while the comedy itself is an uninterrupted succession of irresistible fun.

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Constance has not met with success at Wallack's Theatre, and the management make no secret of the fact. They have done all they could in the way of casting and mounting Mr. Buchanan's drama, but there their power stops, and as the piece is inherently weak, fine acting and fine scenery cannot make it a "go." It is understood that Henry Guy Carleton's Gustave Dupre will be produced as soon as it can be got ready.

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Adonis holds the fort bravely at the Bijou Opera House. Since Irving's engagement began there has been an increase in the attendance. The coincidence may be accounted for on the ground that there are many folks who cannot afford to see the original English star, and so they patronize Henry Dixey's clever imitation of him and enjoy a plenitude of hearty laughter into the bargain.

The Musical Mirror.

Dr. Damrosch's season of German opera at the Metropolitan began on Monday night with a performance of Tannhauser. The affair so far as the stage was concerned may be set down as a success, but the arrangements for the front of the house were terribly muddled. To begin with, the press seats were not sent out in the regular manner. Either from accident or by design five or six of the most influential dailies, not to speak of nearly all

the weekly journals, were deprived of the usual courtesies. If the omission was intentional, the folly and short-sightedness of the management's policy can be conceived. A number of the critics bought their seats. THE MIRROR's representative included; but the slighted newspapers retaliated next morning by omitting mention of the performance altogether, thus robbing their readers, but doing more injury to the Metropolitan venture. Dr. Damrosch should see to it at once that this silly plan or unpardonable blunder is rectified immediately. No seats could be had at the box-office. Late visitors were obliged to pay extravagant prices to sidewalk speculators, whose fists bristled with great bunches of tickets. Even the admission cards were monopolized by these sharks and sold at increased prices. The ushers were insufficient in number and unfamiliar with the location of seats. Delays and annoyances resulted. The boxes were filled with representatives of wealth and fashion, but the parquet and top tier were patronized almost exclusively by Germans. The performance, though not great, was an excellent one. The overture was finely rendered by probably the best orchestra ever gathered together for operatic purposes.

The music of Tannhauser is heavy and unmelodious. It may be heresy to say so, but we doubt if any save the most erudite of Teutonic musicians can penetrate the beauties of Wagnerian themes and harmonies. Joseph Kegel was very good as the Landgrave; Adolf Robinson gave a fine performance of Wolfram, while Antoni Schott in the title role was excellent. Anna Krauss carried off the honors among the women as Elizabeth. Anna Sinth sang badly as Venus. But taken in its entirety the representation was an even one, and the audience—especially the large German element—enjoyed it.

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Nell Gwynne is doing but fairly at the Casino. It is generally admitted that the piece is a disappointment, and the management are getting another one ready.—The operatic selections at Koster and Bial's combined with the excellent specialty features, form an attractive programme and the attendance is large.

The Giddy Gusher.

The good novel-writers are the kings of the earth—the bad play-builders are the enemies of mankind. I desire to proffer my allegiance to Mr. Howe, of the Atchison (Kan.) *Globe*, for putting together as winning and powerful a novel as any American has yet constructed. I lay down the "Story of a Country Town," delighted with its quaintness and its power, and recommend its reading to every friend I have. From first to last it holds your interest—and in its earlier chapters by the quiet easy, pleasant style in which the little town and its people are put before you. And then, when you know the characters, and feel sure just what they will do under certain circumstances, events occur naturally, and you follow on surprised and delighted through a very strong plot and very powerful and dramatic scenes. The American novelists of this age can retire for the present. No one of them can come to the front side by side with that Atchison *Globe* man. He's the Yankee story-teller of this century, and I hasten to tell him how much pleasure I owe him, and, at the same time, I wish to tell Mr. Buchanan that the sooner he brings his literary gifts to bear on Brooks Brothers' *Clothing Journal* and *Baldwin's Monthly* and lets up on the drama, the sooner he will be forgiven. If he wishes to stay in this country with safety he must drop dramatic literature. This is a bold, but kind. Men have been killed for less offenses than Constance.

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I plodded into Wallack's play-house in a pleasant frame of mind. The genial smile of Hoey, the patronizing grace of Lester, disarmed the malicious attitude of my soul toward managers. I think the seating ability of Wallack's the most comfortable in New York—it's got to be a very tough play that can make those thoroughly-comfortable chairs unpleasant resting-places. But as the enormity of Buchanan unfolded itself, as I saw much good scenery and more good acting wasted on that stupid Constance, I wanted to shake up the stout brother-in-law and warm up the thin sister-in-law—authors of so much undeserved misery. I can understand how one's ugly, unpleasant banting is dear to the parent heart; but how does the thing go down with the managers that they should pin their faith to those weaklings and stultify themselves by the production of such trash?

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Did I ever tell you of Charlotte Elizabeth? Lottie Lillie was a rag doll of mammoth proportions belonging to the Gusher at the tender age of five. On one hospitable afternoon a few intant friends gathered and it was proposed to give Charlotte one square meal. A hole was dug in her mouth and about a pound of cotton dragged up. The vacuum thus formed was filled with clam fritters, frizzeled chicken and any other eatable thing we could lay our hands on. This meal was administered with a spoon and rammed down with the handle. Now, Charlotte's digestive faculties were not equal to her appetite. She suffered dreadfully with dyspepsia for three days and then the family began to suffer. They sent up the flues for dead rats; they sent for the Selectmen to look into the drainage; they disinfected and they deodorized with every means known in that unenlightened age and benighted city.

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Suddenly it began to be noticed that the awful perfume stole over their agonized senses with strange regularity on my appearance. The investigating Committee immediately turned their forces on me. I was triumphantly acquitted. But, alas! Charlotte was discovered. The dreadful creature was taken with the kitchen tongs at arm's length, and I was retired for fumigating. It is distinctly remembered that my remonstrances were heard at Rocky Hill, a distance of six miles, and my lament for Charlotte Elizabeth clouded the domestic circle for weeks. It was the third Sunday after "the deep damnation of her taking off" that every one but the darkey cook and the early Gusher went away to church, and the cook divulged the dreadful secret.

"They done gone bury Chart 'Lisbeth under the p'ar tree," said she. With a wild shout and a fire shovel I started for the pear tree, and the resurrection of my pet was effected in short order. There had been heavy rains and blistering suns. The coffinless body was a thousand times more hideous than before burial; but I hugged my poor darling to my faithful breast, and burst forth in a vow of earnest and dire vengeance. I knew the length of Parson Chauncey's sermons. My wrath was not to be nursed that long. Too mad to think of a bonnet or ceremony, with Charlotte under my arm, I bolted into church and up the aisle to the family pew in front of the chancel. The pews were high and my head was low. The worshippers were conscious of an undercurrent odor no way resembling Jockey Club. Remarks were passed that the drain had burst. Then, arriving at my family's headquarters, I rattled on the buttoned door, and, to show my triumph, stuck Charlotte's face—Charlotte's horrible, grave-stricken face—with the ghastly hole through which she had taken her first, last, fatal meal, yawning frightfully at my paralyzed mother—up over the top of the pew. There was in the pew a fashionable young aunt, who fainted in the corner; there was a sympathetic little brother, who yelled out: "Where did yer find her?" and there was a stern and dignified theological uncle, who always said "Spare the rod and spoil the child." As if to receive the benediction or sing the doxology, this entire party rose. Charlotte and I headed the procession out of church, and I drop a curtain over the troublous interval that ensued.

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Every heart knoweth its own bitterness. I do not intrude my private griefs on the public, but it was the moral lesson that followed this episode and was read me by the Rev. Mr. Chauncey that I think applies to other monstrosities beside Charlotte Elizabeth. The good pastor pursued me to my home and found me a little outlawed pirate, sitting on a hen-house near the "p'ar tree," breaking my heart over a feeble bonfire, on which lay the smouldering rags of what was once my darling and my pride. My Christian uncle had built the funeral pyre, and with an umbrella warded off my rescuing attack with the clothes-poles. He was then court-plastering his head with family aid, and I, by common consent, was banished, when dear old Mr. Chauncey took me in hand.

"My darling," he said, "in this world we must consult other people's feelings. That which we like may be very unpleasant to those around us. Always before doing anything, think 'Will this be agreeable to others?' There were disagreeable features connected with our lost Charlotte that you failed to see. Her presence was not altogether desirable, and never force upon an assemblage so unpleasant a creation as Charlotte just because you love her yourself. You crowded her with good things to no purpose, and you have made many worthy people miserable by dragging her before the public."

Oh! Buchanan! read this feeling address—for "Charlotte" read "Constance"—and lay the loving lesson to your heart. Every word directed to the hen-house comes home with two-fold appropriateness to you. Consult other people's feelings, and though your soul is sad as mine was at the bonfire, let the fate of Charlotte be also the fate of Constance, and you shall be ultimately forgiven—as I was.

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About this season of the year there comes to town with rutabaga turnips and crook-necked squashes, other products of the country called Readers. We have them native and imported. It is hard to decide which one likes least—but, like spring greens, we have to down 'em because they are healthy.

I never pass Chickering Hall but I experience a faintness born of memory and readings I have endured there. There's a double dose administered by Dr. Chickering to-day. You take two pills instead of one when Cable and Clemens are administered like rennet and salts, or sulphur and molasses. I dropped in the other evening, and found a scholarly old parve sitting up like a Scraphem bottle on a horse-hide chair. Time was called, and he came up promptly and administered heavy punishment with regular schoolmaster skill. He did nearly all of Henry V., sat down for five seconds to recover wind and tipped us the rest of it. Then before we knew it he did "Boots at the Holly Tree Inn." There was no stopping him; he wouldn't pause long enough to let us creep out, so we stamped out as he let himself loose on another selection. We were moved to this by reading on his programme a clipping from the London *Times*. The Thunderer says: "There is no elegant extract about Mr. Beardsem; the whole play—a pure and perfect whole—without pause or check—is unveiled. There is no pause, no mental strain on his part—it is a bold task."

I don't dispute it, but Mr. Beardsem don't get in his fine work on me again. I've taken enough Henry V. to last me a lifetime.

Now, then, Brother Beardsem left the ring, and in bounced Cable and Twain. I love my Mark when found between the covers, but life is too short for his conversational purposes. I struck a pepper caster with his style of delivery the other day, and after shaking it up for a few minutes, in despair I dashed it on a marble table and ended its career of usefulness. As for Cable, there is a rainy afternoon living in my memory ween I heard all that drivel from "Creole Days" droned out on the Chickering stage. But I'm going to brace up and go hear a pretty woman Pond is about to project on us from this same long-suffering platform.

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Photographers have lately taken to eccentric pictures, and Ida Mulle in mid-air, Billie Barlow by the bird leg and Mrs. Watson clinging to the clapper of a bell in a steeple, have awakened my surprise. This "Curfew shall not ring to-night" photo represents a hard-featured party, with an agonized expression of face and much ugly muscular arm, dragging at the iron tongue of a clanging old bell, and beyond wondering how she liked being slung like a hammock and wired like a bottle of citrate of magnesia, I paid little attention to the Belle of the Belfry.

But here the other day I met a beautiful woman—an artistic woman—and a brave little woman, hustling for her babies' bread and butter, who had been acting, but was going into the reading business. She had come from Canada and was named Leila Watson. She was specifying the selections in her programme, and it included the Curfew Bell business.

"You know I had those pictures taken in that sensational manner as an advertisement," she said.

"Good gracious!" cried I, "one would never recognize you; they are libels." Mrs. Watson surprised me so much that I'm looking for something out of the common in her as a reader. One more hack at Chickering Hall. When Mrs. Charles Watson takes it out of the posts your Gusher will be there.

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When your compositor set up my description of a lovely girl pressing a glowing red rose to her lips as a "glowing red nose," I said no word, though I fully expected Shanks and Cazauran to assassinate me for personalities. But when John Stetson comes to me and asks in broken accents how I could speak of his "dearly loved poodle as a shameless dog," I really must ask a correction. Stetson's poodle is a darling, as wise as Solomon. It is a *starven-faced* animal, and it was that I said of him. Let it be distinctly understood. Stetson's pet exhibits the hardihood of an old offender. Never for an instant does an expression of shamelessness creep into its visage. It's a noble, courageous, fearless, self-contained, responsible little animal. It's a daisy, and I'm sure I'd be fond of it myself if I was better acquainted with it. If this don't soothe my dear friend's injured feelings, John shall write a statement, I'll sign it, and go round to THE MIRROR office, and the apology and the drinks shall be set up by your

GIDDY GUSHER.

Professional Doings.

—J. H. Haverly is still at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

—Edwin H. Low arrived from England on Sunday.

—Fedora is being booked for season 1885-86 at a higher percentage.

—Wesley Sisson is travelling in the West on business for the Lyceum.

—Harry Egerton goes in advance of the Nice and Warm company.

—Charles Weller and Etelka Wardell have joined the Sieba company.

—S. N. Nye, manager of the Colorado Springs Opera House, is in the city.

—Marjorie Bonner has left Bartley Campbell's Separation company.

—Sophie Lingwood has joined John A. Stevens' Nice and Warm company.

—Anna de Bremont did not join the Dall Opera company as she intended.

—Lisetta Eliani was obliged to discontinue her season owing to an ulcerated throat.

—Lysander Thompson has been selected as scenic director of the Lyceum School.

—William Hamilton considers the production of Nell Gwynne at the Casino as equal in every way to the London representation.

—The Hoop of Gold is a great success in Boston.

—Rupert Schmidt has finished his statue of Pauline Hall.

—Joseph W. Harris was engaged by the Hanlons last week.

—Sadie Martinot has left the Wallack company playing Mottu.

—C. A. Chapels is collecting a fund for a monument to Heignoli.

—Arthur Forrest has signed with Kate Claxton for leading business.

—Monte Cristo has caught on at Niblo's. The advance sale is large.

—J. H. Favetti says he is still the sole proprietor of A Friendly Tip.

—Richard Fitzgerald, the dramatic agent, is recovered from a serious illness.

—The Private Secretary is still playing to large business in San Francisco.

—Eva Gardner has postponed her Juliet debut at the University Club Theatre.

—Robert Wilton has joined R. L. Downing's company to play in Tally-Ho.

—Hyde and Behman's Minstrels have made a great hit this week in Pittsburg.

—Charles H. Thayer will manage Edwin Booth's tour on behalf of R. M. Field.

—May Newman, a young actress, has been engaged to play Lina in The White Slave.

—Several ambitious lady students of the Lyceum are already seeking press notices.

—A handsome portrait of Harry Miner is the frontispiece to his Dramatic Directory.

—Hiatt Harrison has left Rice's Surprise Party and joined her husband in St. Louis.

—Lawrence Barrett has booked time at the Star Theatre for 1886. He owns the house.

—Walter Reynolds has a play entitled One Sin under consideration by McKee Rankin.

—Ethel Lynton and Fred. Urban have joined Kate Castleton's All at Sea company.

—Apajune or some other new opera will be put in rehearsal at the Casino in a few days.

—Pettit and Merritt's new play, Sentenced for Life, will shortly be played in Brooklyn.

—Harry A. Turner is the business manager of E. L. Walton's Diamond Broker company.

—Leon Abente has started on the road with the play Ouida. Pennsylvania is the sufferer.

—Clarence Hall has joined the Metropolitan Opera House staff, and is in the box-office.

—William Gill receives $200 a week royalty on Aimee's play, Mam'zelle. How long will it last?

—Maude Raber left on Sunday night to join The Seven Ravens. She is engaged to give her specialties.

—Thomas Burnside, a one-time Chicago newspaper man, is managing Lytton Sothern in England.

—Rita Carroll, formerly with the Madam Piper company, is engaged for the Adamless Eden company.

—W. S. Rising has been very successful in Off to Egypt. His translations of Italian songs have caught on.

—La Fille du Tambour-Major will be the opening opera of the Carleton season in New York next Spring.

—Shadows of a Great City will not go South as intended. It will be given at the People's Theatre on Dec. 8.

—Twelve English chorus-singers arrived from England on Monday to join the Adamless Eden company.

—Helena Kahn, a German actress who speaks English fluently, proposes to go upon the English boards.

—The Casino and other orchestras were thinned considerably to supply Dr. Damrosch at the Metropolitan.

—B. F. Horning, formerly of the Marie Prescott and Barr Oaks companies, is ill at his home in this city.

—Marie Mille has joined the Adamless Eden company, which opens at the Comedy Theatre on Monday.

—Gustave Amberg announces that he will shortly alternate English and German performances at the Thalia.

—On Friday last the Metropolitan Musical Club gave a reunion, at which several prominent artists appeared.

—On Saturday Frederic de Belleville presented Paul Arthur with a handsome diamond pin. They are chums.

—Carrie Swain has made a success of her new play, by Mueller, The Little Joker, and will play it all the season.

—H. A. D'Arcy says he has plenty of offers, but that everyone requiring a manager now wants a "backer" as well.

—David Hayman has been engaged by Harry Mann as business manager for A Parlor Match. They are brothers.

—Wednesday matinees have been revived at the Fifth Avenue during the run of Fantasma for the benefit of juvenile patrons.

—Jenny Prince acted Lucrezia as substitute for Vanoni on Saturday night in Jersey City. She is the understudy for the star.

—An adaptation of the play Degree and Son was produced at Wood's Museum years ago under the title of Struck Blind.

—At Jacobs' Museum, Albany, on Monday night, Daniel E. Bandmann and Louise Beaudet opened to a packed house.

—Harry C. Fisk, formerly of the Standard Theatre, is now treasurer of Albaugh's new Grand Opera House in Washington.

—Although Fantasma in its present shape is an unbounded success, the Hanlons intend to tinker at it until it is greatly improved.

—Arthur W. Tams has given up the idea of starting an English Opera company. The people were ready, but not the backer.

—The new play by Henry Guy Carleton is in rehearsal at Wallack's and will follow Constance, which will shortly be withdrawn.

—Newton Beers has lost the trained dog used as a companion to Roger, in Only a Women's Heart. It died down in Texas.

—Frank Murtha wants to do English opera at the New Park, but his partners will not agree to it. The present attraction is doing well, especially with the gallery.

—H. G Walton who came back from Australia with Joseph Polk and joined Bourcault's company, intends producing an Irish play which had some success at the Antipodes.

—Since the first night of Nell Gwynne, the opera has been improved considerably. Many alterations have been made. Madame Cottrelly introduces some very clever specialties.

—Several "Letters to the Editor" received since our last issue have been awarded cash.

—The Cattleman's Convention in St. Louis has caused a pick-up in theatrical business in that city. Minnie Maddern is playing there this week.

—William Harris has been engaged to play leading business with Grace Hawthorne, at W. Kelly's new star. The season opens on Dec. 14 in St. Louis.

—It is probable that Gustave Kerker will leave Miles and Barton's employ. He is considering an offer to conduct the orchestra of another city theatre.

—The Leopolds, who are rated in England as high as the Hanlons here, arrived from Liverpool on Saturday and opened in Brooklyn on Monday night.

—The Eden Musee is having a large number of visitors. The business this season does is really astonishing, considering that it is a permanent attraction.

—Frances Kemble is quite recovered, and will shortly rejoin Clayburgh's Comic company. She speaks in the highest terms of her manager's kind treatment.

—The Spanish Opera company will not play at the Comedy Theatre as was arranged. The managers are negotiating about an appearance at some other city theatre.

—R. E. J. Miles denies that his fees is to be defined as E. E. Rice, and ridicules the idea that Rice should hold a fee on anything, especially the commerce of Orpheus and Eurydice.

—J. H. Letherbury started for a week more salary to go on the road with Hoyt's First, and also a position for his wife. The management did not engage, and substituted E. H. Sothern.

—A well known dramatic agent complains of the stagnation in dramatic business. He says there never were so many good actors out of employment. Many are going to other pursuits.

—Miss E. H. Ober, the organizer and manageress of the Boston Ideal Opera company, has announced authoritatively that the present is the last season of the company as far as she is concerned.

—C. L. Bateman, of Brooklyn, has just added to his stock a large quantity of imported photographs of foreign celebrities. His latest addition from the Savoy gallery is Ellen Terry as Viola.

—W. H. Manning, advertising agent of the Associated Southern Railways, and well known among professionals, is perfecting a novel advertising scheme for railway and theatrical purposes.

—Jeffreys Lewis will star in The Rolling Pension on her return from Australia. The play has been revised by Belasco's shadow, Ben Teale, who has introduced several novel effects, so-called.

—Victory Bateman, leading lady of Barney Rce A company, is unable to appear at present, owing to injuries received last week while travelling. Her husband writes that she is rapidly recovering.

—The Nat's First company has closed temporarily. Their date in Cincinnati was filled on a certainty from R. E. J. Miles. E. H. Sothern and other members of the company returned to town on Tuesday.

—T. Henry French says he has two or three plays ready for the Madison Square to take the place of The Private Secretary. There are others who could dispense with—were they given the chance.

—Harry Watson, whose success on the road during the past season in Wrinkles was not great, has had the piece entirely overhauled. As played at Pastor's this week it is altogether different from the original version.

—Edward Clayburgh was in town on Monday. He says that his company is doing a fine business with The Comic; that Helen Blythe will not leave it, and that he is going to England in two or three weeks.

Amateur Notes.

Anna Warren Storey, formerly a Washington amateur, and later with Janauschek, is this season devoting her energies to study at the new Lyceum School.

Professor Thomas Davidson delivered a lecture a few evenings since to the Lyceum pupils at Professor Sargent's residence. His discourse was on the subject of the Greek style of acting.

Maurice E. Strauss sails for Europe on Nov. 26, and in consequence has been obliged to resign his part in Old Heads and Young Hearts at H. H. Gardner's benefit on the 25th.

Amateur managers who desire a notice of their performances are requested to forward same to THE MIRROR office as early as possible.

Eva Adams Post was to have made her début at the University Club Theatre on Monday evening as Julia. The event has been for the present postponed. Miss Post has adopted Eva Gardner as her nom de théâtre.

Marion H. Somers, Mrs. Evans and Harris S. Hilliard appeared with the Friendly Union Association at Southbridge, Mass., Nov. 21.

Mrs. James Brown Potter has returned from abroad. She will read in behalf of a charitable entertainment at Grange in December.

George W. Samuels, of the Brooklyn Gilbert, is negotiating with the Madison Square Theatre for the position of business manager with one of the travelling companies.

On the 24th the Progress Association gave a concert and reception at Lyric Hall. The programme was interpreted by a number of professionals. B. R. Throckmorton, of the Amateur League, read a number of selections.

School is being prepared by the Gilbert. The Society has been most successful in this style of play.

Eugene Clarke and several other professional singers will be in the cast of the Greenwich production of Patience.

John H. Bird added to his fame by his performance of Shylock with the Minerva. He is the leading Shakespearean amateur actor in America.

On Monday night, at the Brooklyn Turn Hall, M. L. Shiltak made a pronounced hit in the leading male role of Led Astray. Mr. Shiltak contemplates joining the professional ranks.

A new play, called Her Money, by P. S. H. Munro, was produced one night last week at the Lexington Avenue Opera House. The representation was smooth and the piece was well received.

PROVINCIAL.

BOSTON.

Tully has come to the Bijou Theatre, and has conquered the public, in spite of the fact that we seem to harbor more noisy than melodious. But it would speak greatly for the taste of Boston if such a superb company did not succeed, especially when it had no clever a little to expound. The fun is fast and furious at times but within proper bounds at all times. It is fun that cannot be censured, and yet that has very little of the coarse burlesque which is called upon to carry it. Another feature is the promotion of what is most piquant in every opera, and the denouement that at times mystifies the audience almost succeeded, and yet the fun never flags. The entire company is called upon to carry it. Charles Wilson and Heather Bleddyn give a splendid burlesque of sentimental grand opera; Alfred Klein, as Pitou, could not be more serious; Pauline Wilson's Von Eschach has a modified Old Shoemaker dance that is very taking; George Backhaus makes a spirited Tonnerel; Harry Mainwright acts as well as always; Edmund Stanley is excellent as the gamekeeper; Miss Bleddyn as Gretchen and Miss Hamilton as Lisa are delightful, and "there's never a one of 'em all about," is no doubt as to the end one. The quartette is almost an ideal one throughout, and the large business that have called forth the much laud have been richly deserved. The scenery of the piece, it may be stated, is supplemental, in regard, the Academy Hall especially giving a grand finish that is particularly noticeable.

Lotta has drawn large houses at the Park during the week, playing Musette in the same old way to the same old appreciation.

The Museum have been doing The Mighty Dollar and the Governor successfully to good houses at the Globe during the week. When I was hanging a heavy weight in Venice in one of the Governor's latest facetiæ, and thereby endeavored to hasten my Mrs. Plummer, after an exciting hour, a severe cold and hoarseness, by announcing that he had purchased for immediate consumption one barrel of cough lozenges.

Parlor continued to conduct a week of good business at the Boston Theatre.

The Baby's played to a second successful week at the Howard Athenæum.

Holmes and Hart's First Prize Ideals did a large business at the Howard Athenæum during the week. The laughable ridicule of the Elliot Trio is both grotesque and sensational, and Holmes and Edwards are very funny in their Irish business. Ella Shaw is the same as ever; but isn't it about time that signature advertising obnoxious of hers is retired?

The variety and vaudeville entertainment had good houses during the week at the Windsor Theatre. The Colonial Comedians are the most original team I ever saw; and when they have lain aside a little of their grandiloquence they will be one of the best. The Bandy number of the first house cast in a condensed number as to whether the most merit will be still more funny, or a break. It seemed to us a very good exemplification.

The usual variety has ruled at the Bowdoin Museum during the week.

William Warren, the veteran actor, is one of the candidates for the competition of students in rhetoric and oratory at Harvard College.—The Milan Opera co.' engagement at the Boston Theatre Dec. 2, is for one week only.—Edmund Audouin Bor. 27. William Warren and John G. Whittier both enjoyed Lotta's performance in Musette at the Park Theatre on Tuesday evening last from different parts of the house.—Florence Maryatt is on the Tremont Stage. She appears in the Star Course at Tremont Temple, 29th.—Emma Jarch is at the Brunswick.—The Harvard Glee Club will give a concert at the Hollis Street Opera House, 21st.—Manager John A. McCaull, Barton Hill, Ray Samuels, Francis Wilson, Heather Bleddyn and Helen Hamilton of the McCaull co., are domiciled at the Adams House.—Edward L. Blumm, of the New York Mirror, and manager of the Orpheum and Bijou Theatres co., has been in town several days, arranging for this week's season at the Globe. He is also a member of the theatrical colony at the Adams House.—Dan Field is at the Vendome, preparing for the delivery, on three evenings this week, at Chickering Hall, of his three lectures on Shakespeare. The Museum have my congratulations. Dixie, those who favor the lecture.—The Gazette announces that "one of our leading dramatic authors is busily engaged in the preparation of an article upon Mr. Irving's influence on dramatic art in America." This probable means Benjamin E. Woolf.—Boston is said to have eleven musical conventions.—Manager Emerson Theophilus is at Hotel Huntington for the Winter.—I met Blanche Cornell in a South End horse-car a few evenings ago, and wondered at her retirement from the stage, since she is a very clever actress, though her singing voice is on the ragged list with Annie's and Thea's. One of the Sunday papers says that she is going to England professionally.—Lent will open the third week of Edwin Booth's engagement at the Boston Museum.—Boston parents are beginning to ask, Where is Margaret Mather evening? They want to see her Lady Macbeth.—The Sunday Globe rises to remark, "The Salvation Army will 'Fight the Devil' at the Boston Museum to-night." I am afraid the Salvation Army will have the hoards full.—Manager Lees, of the Boston Museum, is certainly ill.—Colonel Bush will follow Lotta at the Park.—Manager Schaefer has returned from a flying trip to Chicago, and will remain here till after the production of Evangeline.—La Petite Louise Marguerite, the miniature Patti, whose every-day name is Louise Nicholson, has been ran, has to concert here, and creating some talk. There is no question but she has a wonderful voice, which she uses in a wonderful manner, but it should be exercised in a careful way. Too much "infant phenomenon" business will undermine the maturity of art. The child is a descendant of Daniel Boone. She is under the tuition of her uncle, Prof. LeRoy J. Boggs, of Washington, D. C., under whose direction the concerts are being given. The little singer is very bright, interesting and natural in private life. She will sing again, in Chickering Hall, 29th.—The advertisement of the Bowdoin Museum this week is prefaced by the Latin legend, "Hoc et tuum." Probably this is meant to be understood in the American sense, since I know of no place where they such it to you more energetically than they do here.—After the Pudge at the Boston Museum, Edwin Booth, "Look at this picture, and then on that."—There will be a great rush for the Zazita conversazione of Tuesday night. Bella's portrait in ballotype will be the principal feature.—The Harvard boys, having heard that Bertha Ricci were the Princeton College colors on a recent occasion where the students attended in force, are wondering if the Harvard colors are going to be left.—"Oh, I could be happy with either, were t'other dear charmer away," sighs the Harvard student, with Bertha Ricci at the Bijou, and Marie Vanoni at the Globe.—Levy's concert playing, at his second Symphony concert at the Boston Theatre, created great enthusiasm. Edward J. O'Mahony, the tenor, sang "The Old Sexton" and "The Village Blacksmith" with great force and expression.—Marie Salomon, a young concert singer of much promise, sang at a South End concert during the week, and left a very happy impression on the audience by her sweet voice, modest demeanor and musicianly style. Her voice and manner are very winning for the sensitive concert halls.—The Museum Theatre lobby has been brightened and lightened by a new drawer and windows, fringed and bordered with crimson and gilt-picked glass leading from the vestibule into the lobby. It is a great improvement.—George and Stella Everett gave one of their Sunday night entertainments at the Windsor, 16th, during which Mr. Everett performed the cabinet trick in full view of the audience, in telling the committee to tie the cords tightly he remarked that he never felt so happy as on when tight. This gave the audience a happy light for more. Pat isn't it a little singular that Manager Lothrop should get an eminent manager at the Windsor who likes to be tight, and one at the Bijou, who is a hot-?—Opening of the Bijou, reminds me that the Salvation Army had a crowded house three Sunday night, as did the Everett's at the Windsor.—The Courier in the title of a new song by Abramite, words by George Russell Jackson, which the composer informs me Theo will sing during the season.

CLEVELAND.

Euclid Avenue Opera House, (Geo. Harte, manager): Hazel Kirke drew crowded houses on each of the good business done at this house last week. The play was excellently cast and admirably staged. Callender's Colored Minstrels [illegible] remainder of week. Severe criticism is just what we ought to be promised. The show is aged from first to last. A negro can never be a musical "to order." Rentfrow Varieties, 23d; Bowery Minstrels, 24th.

Academy of Music (John A. Ehrler, manager): Harcourt and Courtney being now in one of their favorite plays, drew crowded houses. Shipped by the Light of the Moon was the theme, and the various unhappy and unfortunate situations in which Felix Courtin (Harcourt) and Gladish Bingle (Courtney) are constantly placed by unfortunate circumstances to which Felix Courtin (Harcourt) and Gladish Bingle (Courtney) are constantly placed by unfortunate circumstances to create roars of laughter. The performance of Ed. Morris was ludicrous beyond description—his make-up immense, and Annie Ware gave a happy idea to the character of Mrs. Bingle. As an adequate agent of sport has always up for the Story of A Great City week, it is supposed to be debtors. A local soap will probably fill this week.

Star Museum (Dove and Herbert, proprietors): Murphy Mumpy and James, the fat boy; Carter, the juggler; Bobbidaday, the snake charmer; and Fred. Harrison will form the attractions this week. Business immense.

Novelties: A large advance sale has been had for the lecture course at Tabernacle this Winter. P. C. Tarbell is the business manager.

ST. LOUIS.

Grand Opera House (John W. Norton, manager): Last Monday night William H. Gillette's adaptation of The Secretary was produced for the first time in St. Louis. It has proven a success, the house being nicely filled every evening. William H. Gillette does the Secretary to perfection, and is ably supported by Frank Tannehill, Jr., Godfrey Brown, T. H. Hunter, H. A. Morey, Maurice Pike, Gertrude Johnson, Sadie Tallee, Marie Stewart, Carrie Reynolds and others.

Pope's Theatre (Charles R. Pope, manager): Maurice Grau's French Opera co. with Mme. Theo as the star, opened a week's engagement, 9th, to a good house and they have doing a handsome business ever since. Their immortal success is undoubted—their artistic success not what was expected. They are suffering with a severe cold all the while, and her voice, M. Lary, was not on the mark. Miss Leiter was excellent in the second opera, and sang the bathing role in La Perichole at the Wednesday matinee with her success. M. Gay, M. Dauphin, Mme. Delorme and others were excellent, but the chorus was lacking in strength and training. They acted with great vivacity, and at times sang well. The opera of the week was Les Mousquetaires au Couvent, which appeared during the week twice as La Jolie Parfumeuse, twice as Boccaccio, and as Mme. Angot, Grande-Duchesse, Mme. Boniface is underlined for to-night, 12th; Salsbury's Troubadours open in Three of a Kind, 19th.

People's Theatre (W. C. Mitchell, manager): James H. Wallick and a co suitably assigned, have given The Bear Hunter King to big houses all the week. The play is made up of sensational scenes of enthusiasm. The specialties are unpretentious. The cast includes, among others, Stella Hale, a St. Louis girl, who gives promise of taking a good position on the stage.

Standard Theatre (W. H. Smith, manager): A novelty in the way of a theatrical co. was seen at the Standard during the week in a play called An Adventure Eden. There is nothing in it except "the female form divine." A full house every night. Brave and bold-headed men were at a premium. Those prominent in the cast are Adele Richmond and Topsy Venn.

Casino (George McManus, manager): As is the custom, new and attractive features are the order of the weekly bills. Among some of those are Ed. H. Sheridan and Ada Holmes, comedians and soubrette; Major Burke, comedy and bayonet drill champion; Little Ella Lewis, serio-comic songstress. Several favorites from last week are still on hand and do new acts.

Olympic Theatre (Charles A. Spalding, manager): Chanel, McCullough's co. was to fill an engagement, but it is all owing to his illness.

Items: Last Sunday night Robson and Crane gave an extra performance at the Olympic. Sharps and Flats was the bill.—Jacques Kruger produced, at an extra performance at the Grand Opera House, Sunday night, Dream. The attendance was small.—John McCullough evolved in town Tuesday night to fill the engagement at the Olympic. He says he has lost his co. He left Wednesday night for the East, and says he will at once organize a co. and go on the road.

PHILADELPHIA.

It is useless to deny the fact that the man with the lever-glass and scythe is an enemy in his attentions to persons so to more assiduously. Disease has a power of expression vouchsafed to but few women, and when, in the zenith of her fame, the supposed seven years ago at the Academy in this city, her genius was demonstrated, her presence majestic. She carried all before her. Now, although quite as artistic, she is fettered by corpulency, and the ear-marks of time are so plainly visible as to destroy all illusions. Her impersonation of Elizabeth was that of an artist of the highest rank; but it was Elizabeth in the rare and yellow. In Marie Antoinette, her work in the fourth act reached confinement. Much of the support was bad, or at least not good. Edmund Tearle, Augustus Foster, John Lane and H. A. Langdon deserve favorable mention. Zimmerman and Mann gave the repertoire of the week every advantage in the way of stage settings. Above appears at the Opera House this week in Marseille, and the Thanksgiving attraction will be J. K. Emmet.

The first week of Sothe at the Academy proved an immense success. De Rosa and Princess have crowned the town. Veronna Jarbeau, as Puck, was most favorably received, as were Louise Allen and C. B. Welles. The remaining fortnight promises to show a continuation of the large attendance.

Desiree, at Haverly's, has every prospect of rivalling Pullan in popularity. The plot is good, the libretto clever, and the music more than sparkling. The piece is now working smoothly, and a long run is in view. Lilly Post, Emma Fiscer and Rose Leighton divide the honors among the ladies of the co., while De Wolf Hopper, Walter Whitney and Mark Smith are the most brilliant among the opposite sex. The first-named gentleman crops at once into the front rank of buffo comedians. Desiree will hold the boards until further notice.

Madame Janish found her triumph in the role of Camille. Her performance of that part was charming and original. The financial results were anything but satisfactory to the Walnut management; but when next she visits our city the box-office will make a far more brilliant showing. During the present week John T. Raymond will reside his engineers with In Paradise and For Congress, Shadows of a Great City, 24th.

Monks did fairly well at the Chestnut. If the play were half as good as the co., its burial dirge would not have to be rehearsed.

At the Arch, Spot Cash drew full houses. Or, rather, to speak the truth, M. B. Curtis furnished the draught; for, as a matter of fact, Spot Cash is trash of the first water. With the exception of Mrs. Curtis, P. J. Sullivan and a Mr. Savage, the support was poor. Old to Egypt in the current bill, and Squatter Sovereignty will follow, 24th.

Booth's Dominion was played to excellent business at the National. Manager Kelly staged the piece admirably. John A. Stevens, in Parson's Slave, opens to-night (Monday). Her Atonement, 24th.

Lillie Hilton will appear at the Arch Street Opera House this week in Planet.

Items: Twain and Cable appear at Association Hall, 21st.—The Bijou receipts at the Opera House last week exceeded $24,000.—De Wolf Hopper has caught the town with his enchanting of the tropical songs in the first act of Desiree. And Lily Post holds the dudes in a way not approached since Emma Carey waved her fragile arms about Haverly's stage.—J. H. Haverly was in town last week.—Rentoul has a return date in January.—There is little doubt that Fred. Zimmerman has an interest in the Rentoul tour.—The new Central hills the Howard Athenæum Specialty co., with William Carroll as the star.—Both dime museums have Electric Girls. The rivalry between the Bingo-Campbell institution and that run the Adams Farmyard grows apace.—Business at all the theatres has generally improved.—The last "club night" of the Journalists' Club was an occasion of more than ordinary interest. Among the guests of the evening were Storm and Tober, of Denver fame; Messrs. Verner, Sullivan and Cleary, of M. B. Curtis' co.; Harry Kennell, Clay M. Greene and Harry Sargent. The fun was fast if not furious. Will Morton sang "Good-bye, Sweetheart, Good-bye." Kennell gave a budget of conundrums, and all contributed generously to make the "night" memorable.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Nov. 11.

After three weeks' careful preparation, The Private Secretary had a successful production at the Baldwin Theatre last night to a fashionable and crowded house. The comedy is amusing and farce-like in the extreme, and our local co. did very well in it. J. N. Long, who came out here to superintend the production, was most too decisive as the Rev. Robert Spaulding. The part needs lounging up, with a little more character in it, and less of the stilnic, in its portrayal. What the piece lacks is really more of the qualities of humor and less of the grotesque in its representations; but a co. of comedians are not to be picked up every day. It will do, and fill the bill for a week or two very satisfactorily after all.

Manager Al. Hayman delayed his intended departure East to see his production staged, and leaves to-day for New York.

James M. Ward and Carrie Clark Ward are putting in two weeks at the Bush Street Theatre this week in Arrah-na-Pogue. They had a good house last night and the season promises well. Mr. Ward shows with natural pride a valuable gold watch and chain and the author's privilege to play Arrah-na-Pogue in any State in the Union. These were given to him last year by Dion Boucicault in this city when Ward took the part of Shaun, and filled the author's role during his sudden illness, and played the engagement out at the California Theatre to the satisfaction of the public and the author.

The Carleton English Opera co. closed its four weeks' season at the Bush Street Theatre 9th, to a full house. The whole co. were honored with a recall on the fall of the curtain on the last act of The Mascotte. Manager Carleton stepped forward and returned thanks for the liberal patronage he had received, and stated that he would not say farewell as he had hard dates with the management for a return next season. More cheers and curtain.

The minstrels are growing prosperous with good business. George C. Rice and co. open to-night at the Grand Opera House in Stockton. They were to have opened last night, but became hard-bound at the mouth of the Columbia River on their way down from Portland and did not arrive in time.

BALTIMORE.

There was nothing particularly noticeable about the operas given by the Wilbur co. at the Academy of Music last week except general delicacy. The performances, from a vocal point of view, every week, and the chorus hardly up to strength. With one or two exceptions it seemed made up of people entirely new to the business. Lizzie Hyde, Estelle Cordia and Estelle constituted the exception, as most of the performances were above mediocrity. Signor Ravera's voice is naturally pleasing, but it is used without method, and contracts in rushing and muscle on it. The hit of the week was Annie Myers' Dutchess in the Little Duke. She has a sweet, flexible soprano voice, and sang and acted the part with discretion and taste. The gagging indulged in by the co. was an unnecessary as it was out of place, and while it may have been very funny to those on the stage, it was entirely trying on the audience, again Smith, supported by Mahoney and Courtney's co., opened to a big house on Monday night in The Wages of Sin. Next week, Jewish.

J. T. Raymond closed a good week's business on Saturday night at the Holliday Street Theatre. His performance of General Josiah Limber in For Congress was an unique, enjoyable comedy success. The political excitement afforded him ample opportunities for a few gems, which he did judiciously and with good effect. J. K. Emmet began a week's engagement on Monday night, opening to a large audience in Fritz's Strange Marriage. Next week, Joseph Jefferson.

Queens drew fairly at Ford's Opera House last week, and was presented by a good co. As to the drama itself, silence is elegant praise—it is a companion to Lycurgus. The Milan Italian Opera co. is giving a short season of opera this week, and on Monday night presented Aida in excellent shape, with Signor Giannini as Rhadames and Sig. nora Hauptmann as Aida. The repertoire as now announced is: Rigoletto, Barber of Seville, Norma, Sonnambula and Favorite. Next week, W. J. Scanlon.

At the Monumental Theatre the Kernell comb. is the current attraction, and have the following people billed: Charles T. Ellis and Clara Moore, in sketches; Tognoli and Steele, song-and-dance; Pauline Batchelor, contortionist; Vivian Sisters in their specialties; Leopold and Bonsall, musical team; Gorman Brothers, clog dancers; McMahon Brothers, specialties, and Harry and John Kernell. Next week, Howard Athenæum Specialty co.

The Crimes of London is running to good business at the Front Street Theatre this week, and is given by a good co. The stage-setting is pretty and effective. Next week, Power of Money.

The attendance at Harris' Masonic Temple Museum still continues large, and last week the auditorium was crowded both at the afternoon and night performances. This week a children's carnival is to be inaugurated, after the fairy spectacle of Cinderella will be produced by the Hollywood Juvenile Opera co. In the curio hall, a novelty in the shape of a giant Chinese idol is exhibited. Herzog's Living Museum announces for this week Jo Jo, the dog-faced man; Colonel Goshen, the giant, and a good vaudeville co. in the Bijou Theatre.

Items: By special invitation of Richard Stahl, I attended a rehearsal of his new opera, Leo-li-ann. The music is all of a light nature, melodious and catchy, and calculated to find favor with the public. Some of the choruses, written in unity movement, are strikingly pretty, albeit suggestive of Strauss. It is hard to say what the production of the opera may realize, but if the libretto is in keeping with the music, the probability is that it will receive recognition from the metropolitan critics when it is produced in New York in December.—Whatever else may be in doubt, it is absolutely certain that Wages of Sin is here. For the past four or five days the population of this city has been walking on a crust of Spurs stamped with Wages of Sin. A street-car covered with posters and streamers has been going the rounds; in fact, the town has been literally covered under by Spurs, posters, streamers, lithographs and every species of paper on which could be spotted the Wages of Sin.—Sidney Jarrett, father of Harry Jarrett, died in this city, Nov. 10, aged eighty-five years.—Signor Giannini was warmly received on Rhadames, in Aida, and gave the best performance of the part seen here since Campanini in his palmy days.

BROOKLYN.

The advent of the Lecocqists, after a successful European and Australian tour, filled the Grand Opera House on Monday evening. The six brothers are grotesques of the Ravel and Hanlon order, and their absurdity, friscality, kept up a continuous ripple of laughter. They produced some capital music on plates, frying-pans, gridirons, tiles, etc. W. H. Harding, F. Manning, George Mallett and Georgiana Tyler were very good in what little plot there is. Week of 24th, Oliver Doud Byron.

The Madison Square version of The Private Secretary was given at the Park Theatre on Monday evening to a large house, and received the same approval which has been passed upon it in New York—that is, as one of the funniest comedies of the present day. The cast is an excellent one, and comprises a number of favorites. Week of 24th, Young Mrs. Winthrop.

M. B. Curtis in Spot Cash; or, Sam'l of Posen on the Road, displayed his "samples" to a large number of people at the Brooklyn Theatre on Monday evening. An addition has been made in the character of Houtenau, a prisoner drama, who was favorably received. The scenery is entirely new and very handsome. Week of 24th, In the Ranks.

Hallen and Hart's First Prize Ideals at Hyde and Behman's Monday evening attracted a good house, Kelly and Ryan, the Bards of Tara; Ella Wesner, Sullivan Trio, Walton and Edwards, Lester and Allen, Mlle. De Granville and other well-known members of the variety ranks gave excellent satisfaction. The olio ends with a merry comedy, entitled An Irish Stew. Week of 24th, Hyde and Behman's Monster Specialty co.

Over the Span: Manager McConnell has ordered a new drop-curtain for the Brooklyn.—Professor Cromwell began a three weeks' course of illustrated lectures at Historical Society Hall on Monday evening, giving scenes in England, Germany and the Holy Land.—This evening (Thursday) Her Majesty's Opera co. present Il Trovatore at the Academy of Music.—Mark Twain and George W. Cable will read selections from their own works at the Academy, Saturday afternoon and evening.—Mlle. Marie Norina re-appeared at Zippo's Casino.—Fanny Herring and the Lenzo Brothers in a new play, The Pianist's Child, at the Standard Museum.

BROOKLYN, E. D.

Novelty Theatre (Thrall and Williams, managers): Evans and Hoey's Meteors, in A Parlor Match, are amusing large an houses this week. M. B. Curtis, in Spot Cash, will appear next week.

Lee Avenue Academy of Music (Berger and Price, managers): Mr. and Mrs. McKee Rankin, with a good co., in which Frank Mordaunt is a principal, are playing the well-known drama of '61, and are drawing large houses.

CINCINNATI.

The Barlow-Wilson's Minstrels terminated a successful week at Hurtl's New Opera House, 11th. The troupe, reinforced by the accession of Carl Rankin, who joined the party here, 4th, is an exceptionally strong one, the vocal department being especially attractive.

George Wilson and Hughey Dougherty are both clever comedians, though the latter's singing (?) is simply heartrending. The musical sketch in which Carl Rankin, in conjunction with Carey and Adams participated, wound the bit of the week. The concluding sketch, Feed-ons, with Hughey Dougherty in the title role, assisted by George Wilson, L. M. Hall and Milt Barlow, was hardly up to the average of the general good work of the troupe. This week Siberia will be produced, and on the advance sale of seats is reported large, coupled with the fact that last year's engagement of the co. here was phenomenally successful, the prospects for the resurrection of the "standing room only" sign are good. Thorne's Black Flag comb., 25th.

Dickson's Sketch Club at Haverly's, during the week just closed, created a very favorable impression in their double nightly bill. Edina's Burglar, the opening feature of the entertainment, is by long odds one of the most attractive little stories ever depicted on the stage, and it is safe to say appeals to the sympathy of the entire audience. Della Fox, who portrays the part of Edina, created a most favorable impression. Combination is probably built to order. It affords the entire troupe full play. There are several really clever people in the troupe, notably Geo Thomas, Frank David, Della Fox and Edgar Smith. This week The Secretary, followed next week by Mrs. D. P. Bowers in La Cinderentine. Minnie Madern underlined for week of 24th. Dec. 7 Dan Sully, with his Comet Grocery, in a return engagement.

The Barnes and Austin Allied Attractions proved a big card at the People's Theatre and closed a very successful engagement, 11th. Joseph Hart, the banjoist of the troupe, is one of the best artists in his line seen here during the season and was encored nightly. The Inman Sisters' specialties and act are modeled largely after that of the French Twin sisters, came in for considerable applause. This week Murray and Murphy's comb. will furnish an excellent specialty programme, followed, 24th, by the Wallick Bandit King comb.

Nita's First Jumps the confident tone of Bob Miles' telegraphic omnibus from New York, proved in no wise a success at the Grand during the past week. The co. included several excellent people, Sadie Bigelow and Ada Deaves in their respective roles coming in for deserved receptions. W. H. Denny made the most of his character, and was ably assisted by Ed. Sothern in the part of his son, Fred Fairlove. The play was neatly mounted. The current week will be devoted to Mr. Ue & Co., followed, 24th, by The Passionettes of Paris.

Robinson's Opera House reopens 25th, under the management of F. Harris, presenting Austin's What made us the initial attraction, followed, 24th, by Callender's Minstrels.

Manager Gabriel, at the Vine Street Opera House, continues to keep abreast of the times and presents weekly an excellent array of specialty attractions. The bill for current week embraces John W. Dorsey and Bertha Waring, Samuel Lang and Eddie Granger, El Nino Eddie, Will Worthman, the Maddern Quartette and Tom Granger and Eva Fletcher.

Manager Harris, at the Museum, in addition to presenting Kaga for the present week, announces Lew Johnson's Jubilee Singers, Jenny Quigley and the great Admiral Nelson, Sarah and Lucy. Political excitement apparently has no effect in diminishing the attendance, the Museum daily being thronged.

Adelaide Rowers will appear in this city at Robinson's Opera House, Dec. 1 and 2, for two nights and one matinee, under Miles and Raudolph's management, arrangements to that effect having been concluded with Powers and Dickson. Manager Thomas McDonough, of the theatrical party, arrived with John McCullough (principal Mary Rowlands from St. Louis, 11th, supporting the original cast at the Grand, and was informed that same had already been filled by the Sisters of Keys comb. The city has been fairly active last week with advance agents. Among the more prominent were the mentioned John Duncil, of Mr. Ue & Co.; Wesley Sweet, representing The Private Secretary; H. B. Hodges, of Murray and Murphy's comb.; Bob Fulton, heralding Mary Prescott Mather ahead of the Passionettes of Paris and E. D. Price, formerly with John McCullough, who is now representing Mrs. D. P. Bowers in La Cinderentine. Stamp of Gold is booked at Harris's for New Year's week.

CHICAGO.

The engagement of Clara Morris at the Haverly was very successful, the house being well filled at every performance and crowded upon two occasions. Miss Morris retains her power to forever up the souls of her audiences the same as ever, but appears to have reached the period when the effort to depict anguish is merely mechanical, from long experience rather than coming from a true artistic sense of the situation. There is a perceptible loss of spontaneity in her acting. It may be due to actual physical weakness, and in justice to the actress it is only fair to state that she suffered all the week from the effects of a recent accident. The plays presented, Article 47 and Miss Multon, are exceedingly morbid, and they are made more so by the realistic portrayal of one that Miss Morris infuses into her performance of the parts. The support was adequate, although Frederic Bryton hardly did himself justice in the leading male roles. This week, Rumori. Bartley Campbell's follower, 24th.

It is a pleasure to turn from such phases of life as Miss Morris' depicts to the purer atmosphere of domestic drama found in Caprice, the new play in which Minnie Maddern appeared at the Grand. The character of Mercy Dexter suits the little actress, and in her case is a charming creation. She grasps all there is in the part. But the play is imperfect in many respects. The last act is particularly defective. The author apparently exhausted the end of his inventive powers with the third act, and the finale is hastily rushed through in a weak and inartistic way. This is the more to be deplored, because a splendid chance to make a grand climax is overlooked, and the end comes in the nature of a surprise combined with disappointment, which defeats the good impression made earlier in the play. The cast was quite good, including Henry Miller as Jack Henderson, and Mr. Herndon as Lee Baxter. The business was fair only. This week Master Whitmarsh in Richard III. and Hamlet, supported by Leslie Goodwin and Coen Tanner in the leading roles. T. P. W. Minstrels, 23d.

The Wages of Sin drew crowded houses to Hooley's. This melodrama is full of the qualities that please the lovers of sensation, while containing much that appeals to the appreciation of a higher class of theatre-goers. Agnes Booth was admirable as Ruth, and Messrs. Mayberry and Overton did commendable work in prominent character parts. This week, Edwin Thorne in The Black Flag. Barlow-Wilson Minstrels, 23d.

McVicker's stage was handed over to the action of The Devil's Auction, a combination of gastronomic, ballet and scenery that was seen in a minor theatre last season. It has been improved, and the entertainment is now a pleasing one. Lawrence Barrett will, for the next three nights, appear in Yorick's Love and a round of the old drama the first week, and as Lanciotto, in Francesca da Rimini, the second week. New scenery will be produced for the latter play, and it may run two weeks.

The variety performance at the Olympic the past week was without merit, and business was only fair. This week Rentz-Stanley troupe.

The Standard had a profitable week with Murray and Murphy in Our Irish Visitors. This week Mr. and Mrs. Nat Goodwin in Nobbers. This is the first appearance on the West side of Mrs. Goodwin. Lights o' London, 23d.

The production called Zozo, the Magic Queen, is chiefly remarkable for a lot of fine scenery, but the title drew large audiences to the Academy. There is nothing in the affair to warrant any comment except the equestrian one, that it pleased the people. This week Only a Farmer's Daughter.

The minor theatres are all doing well, the Criterion being in the front rank in its endeavor to secure good attractions. Fay Templeton's opera co. will be there this week in a round of popular operas.

Items: The Business will give a special performance of Le Voyage en Suisse at the Grand, on Sunday night, Nov. 16.—Clara Morris did not play Saturday night, her last appearance being at the matinee. The co. appeared in the Wallack comedy, Seconded, and Robert Mantell to fill out the week.—Frank Farrell invited a certain San Francisco lady to meet him half-way, by coming to Chicago from the Pacific Coast, while he came from New York. The equitable arrangement was agreed to, and on Sunday, Nov. 16, the San Francisco lady became Mrs. Farrell. The Rev. Dr. Thomas performed the ceremony, at which only a few personal friends were present.—The second musicale of the Haverly Theatre series will occur on Wednesday afternoon of this week.—Lawrence Barrett has added Beardick in Much Ado About Nothing to his repertoire, and will play the part here.

ALABAMA.

GADSDEN.

Kyle's Opera House (R. B. Kyle, manager): Mestayer's Tourists, in We, Us & Co., gave a very creditable performance, 11th. The play is filled with whimsical absurdities, and creates roars of laughter, yet it does not compare at all favorably with The Tourists. Libbie Nixon and Ezra Kendall deserve especial mention. Their acting was very good. We have Banker's Daughter on 22d.

Arena: R. W. Weldon and Co.'s Circus, to small business, 5th. Better than deserved. Only one tent, two cages of animals and three horses. No ring riding. Some few specialties very good. Tents abounded with gambling devices.

BIRMINGHAM.

O'Brien's Opera House (F. P. O'Brien, manager): The Passionettes of Paris, under the management of John Rickaby, did a fair business, 11th and 12th. Performances highly entertaining and scenery fine.

Arena: The bill-boards present an attractive appearance announcing the coming of Davis' Circus, which closed its season in this city, 2nd.

MONTGOMERY.

McDonald's Opera House (G. F. McDonald, manager): Huntley's Dramatic co. presented A Celebrated Case to small audiences 11th. This is a very strong co. and give general satisfaction.

Montgomery Theatre (Jake Tannenbaum, manager): Morton and Bell's Comedy co. in their greatest success, Our Strategists, 14th, to small audiences. This is the best comedy co. that has visited our city this season.

Arena: Davis' Circus gave two performances 11th to large audiences.

Items: Owing to a delayed train, Huntley's Dramatic co. reached the city too late to give a performance 11th. We were pleased to meet Alexander Comstock, the manager of Our Strategists. He informs the writer that he has just completed a new comedy, which he intends to bring out next season, and if circumstances will permit, he co. the Strategists may present it this season.

EUFAULA.

Shorter's Opera House (Wilmer H. Vigal, manager): Crouch's Banker's Daughter co. played to a poor house. The manager of this co. had some differences with a newspaper in a neighboring city, and in consequence received a very severe and uncalled for criticism, which damaged business here.

ARKANSAS.

HELENA.

Opera House (R. R. Fitzpatrick, manager): Lizzie May Ulmer, in Dad's Girl, drew good houses, 7th and 8th. Miss Ulmer is a charming young actress, and made a flattering hit in her new comedy-drama. Cal Wagner's Minstrels gave a splendid performance, 11th.

LITTLE ROCK.

Grand Opera House (R. A. Little, manager): Devil's Auction, 7th and 8th, to only fair business. The show is the best of the kind ever presented here. Neil Burgess and his co. presented Vim to a poor house, 9th. Mr. Burgess gave general satisfaction. Happy Cal Wagner's Minstrels held the fort, 11th and 12th, to good business. Wagner, as usual, took the lead. Lew Benedict's stump speech brought down the house. The comic song by Billy Carter was loudly applauded. The Quaker Quartet, Messrs. Laird, Ernst, Hansen and Graham, were encored five times. These gentlemen are among the best. Master Hanby in his accustomed clever manner deserves mention.

HOT SPRINGS.

Opera House (J. L. Butterfield, manager): Neil Burgess appeared in Vim, 11th, to a good-sized and well pleased audience. Happy Cal Wagner's Minstrels gave a good performance, 12th, to a big house. Co. very good. Opera House will be closed until 25th, when Frederick Wade comes; Tony Denier, 26th and 27th; Carrie Swain, Dec. 1 and 2; Barker's Daughter, 10th and 11th; Lizzie Hosel, 17th, 18th and 19th.

Items: Katie Putnam, who is quite a favorite here, has arrived for dates.—C. A. Durand the Madison Square Theatre New York is here.

COLORADO.

DENVER.

Tabor Grand Opera House (Peter McCourt, manager): Fashion and Smarte reigned again each of 11th. The occasion was the appearance of Maggie Mitchell in a round of her multifarious plays. Lack of space and the hackneyed-ness look of the engagement, if my remarks are not forgive, alone prevent me from particularizing Miss Mitchell's impersonations. Suffice to say, she is a versatile actress, possessing rare accomplishments and the easy grace so essential in the role she assumes. Miss Mitchell's audience on the opening night very large, but the attendance lessened as the week progressed—probably owing to the election excitement. She was repeatedly called before the curtain on the opening night. Miss Mitchell's co., while not specially strong, supports her well. Patrons are preparing for the amusement. Jacques Kruger, as the ghostwriter in Dreams, will give them great work. Mabel Vaughan, as 23 week. Milton Nobles in Love and Law, Dec. 1; Salsbury's Troubadours, 6th.

Items: A war has been waging at the Academy, and that institution at present writing is in a state of siege. John McCaddon, who has just succeeded McCaddon Brothers in the management, says he will likely succeed to run it. P. P. Hughes, the owner, claims that Mr. McCaddon is behind in rent. The latter claims that the improvements he has made in the house more than offset this item. The Academy's paint has not been strewn with roses, and on the whole it has had a checkered career. The house has never paid any of the numerous people who have tried to run it. The McCaddons, however, have been fairly successful, and have made extensive improvements since the fire. They have the reputation of being trustworthy gentlemen. Mr. McCaddon cancelled Fanny McAllister, owing to the uncertainty of things, but he tells me that Carleton's co. will hold for the 24th. It is said that Mr. Hughes wishes to get the Academy for the purpose of turning it into a variety house.—Bryant and Hanna have at last succumbed to the inevitable. The opposition secured its opening that occupies last Summer ground downtown.—Rentoul and Trautman will run the rink under lease to secure themselves.—Belle Carleton will be one of the leading members of Whelan's Dramatic co., which is to start on the road immediately, making its first stop at Idaho Springs. Sadie Stringham and M. S. Wilson are with the co. The repertoire will consist of such plays as Uncle Josh, Hoosier, etc. The Forester enterprise is still fresh in the minds of many.—A small fire occurred in the basement of the Academy recently, but it was extinguished before any damage was done.—H. E. Sanford, Maggie Mitchell's able advance agent, was so much pleased with Denver, that he remained here two days.—Mrs. N. C. Forrester is lying dangerously ill in New York.—Helene Wagner's dramatic recital drew a very small audience 6th. A gigantic street parade was probably the cause.—Captain Paddock, an old resident of this city, is a brother-in-law of Maggie Mitchell's. With his family he occupied a box on Miss Mitchell's opening.—Manager McCourt will book no attractions for less than a week each. Denver is one of those cities that can stand it.—George Faulkner has about given up the theatrical business. His outside enterprises command his close attention.

CONNECTICUT.

NEW HAVEN.

Carll's Opera House (P. R. Carll, manager): Thompson's Beggar Student co. gave three advertised performances, and a fourth, specially requested, to fair houses, opening 11th. The opera was moderately well rendered, rising at times to the dignity of good; falling at others below the level of mediocrity. Although the co. carries its own orchestra, "we are to give the opera a complete production," they had frequent failings—not with the chorus, much to the discomfiture of irremediably-inclined auditors. However when the chorus—which, by the way, is the worst feature of the organization—shall have been straightened and drilled, there will be a decided improvement. Unquestionably the hit of the piece was made by A. W. F. MacCollin, whose make-up and interpretation of Ollendorff is as like Fred Leslie's fiasco as impersonation as you could conceive. His "Sponge it Out" was not overdrawn, and his methods deserve commendation. C. M. Pyke, in the title role, seemed to glimpse the audience, as did Ella. A. Gaillard as the Countess. Franc D. Hall created a pleasant impression as Bouncibras, and Lenny Maxfield sang Lazzo with as much force as any thin-voiced pretty young woman might be expected to command. Russell S

that of Friday evening, when Fennel appeared as Count Almaviva. He is rather over looking, but his singing can by no means pleasing. This week, Called Back; Wages of Sin, 24th.

Ford's Opera House (John T. Ford, manager): The usual dance last week to see The Heap of Gold, was very fairy more than the ox and play, judging from what I saw, executed. This week, W. J. Scanlan, in Found and Fee. R. S. Graham in Crooked Man, 24th.

Theatre Comique (T. F. Gaffney, manager): As also, with several new people, and The Lively Lunatic darkies, this week.

Front Museum: The Harris Opera co. this week, in operas, Pinafore and Mascotte.

Items: Mark Twain and George W. Cable appear together in readings at Congregational Church, 24th and 25th.—Elsie Sherin, of Ruth's Chemistry co., is at home for a few days.—The dashing tourists on Albaugh's Opera House are being rapidly applied. The prevailing colors are terracotta and blue, in pleasing shades. The aisles are broad, with cloth carpets; the chairs are comfortable, though on the same floor a little too much on a level. There are twelve boxes; those on the first and second were very handsome. The gallery has chairs. The stage is large, and dressing rooms dark and well fitted up. The curtain, which draws apart in the middle, is of blue plush, with handsome border and fringe in contrasting colors. There are seven choirs and ample seating room.—In your telegram last week from Philadelphia, Dunbar is said to have "lost over the light." I have a most distinct recollection of having attended on that occasion, in this city, on the evening of Thursday, May 1, 1873.—J. Burton Key was a very busy man last week. He is at Washington hop, and had no shake hands with numerous friends. He deserves our thanks for bringing such a co here. I have heard that they will visit us again in February.

GEORGIA.

COLUMBUS.

Spencer Opera House (Chas. M. Foley, manager): Our Strategists co. gave an interesting performance to fair business nots, and The Banker's Daughter co. had a good house 24th. John F. Ford's co., 25th; Huntley's Dramatic co., 2d and 3d.

ATLANTA.

DeGive's Opera House (L. DeGive, proprietor): Conner's Banker's Daughter co. gave a very creditable performance to well-filled houses 23d, and matinee, The Lillian Woodcock of Ida Lewis was especially commendable. May Blossom 24th, 25th and matinee, to the largest and most fashionable audiences of the season. Comment is unnecessary, for every theatre-goer recognizes the high standard of the Madison Square productions. Our people have just recovered from the "stagnancy" caused by the election, and have been very liberal to theatre managers during the past week. Harney McAuley, Lillian Olcott, and Fanchon Louise Buckingham will contest for the "dollars of our dads" the coming week.

Personal: T. O'Malley, of the May Blossom co., in the character of Ephraim gave the most acceptable impersonation of the Southern darkey that we have ever seen.

SAVANNAH.

Savannah Theatre (T. V. Johnson, manager): May Blossom 22d, to a very large and appreciative audience. Also billed for 24th, but owing to a political demonstration that night, the management wisely changed the performance to a matinee, which was well attended. Harney McAuley in Uncle Dan'l and The Jerseyman 24th and 25th, to very light houses.

ATHENS.

Dropper Opera House (Crawford and Garrett, managers): Lillian Olcott in Romeo and Juliet to good house —matinee, 25th. Political demonstration prevented evening performance.

ILLINOIS.

QUINCY.

Opera House (Dr. P. A. Marks, manager): Lawrence Martin and Lillian Dunnan in A Wife's House, 23d, to good house. The performance throughout was highly pleasing. Co. good.

DANVILLE.

Grand Opera House (Leslie Davis, manager): Daniel Sully, 23d, in Corner Grocery, to very large house.

Lincoln Opera House (Leslie Davis, manager): Arion Bell Rogers, 22d, week. Every seat taken at every performance. The best dime show that has appeared in Danville.

ROCKFORD.

Opera House (C. C. Jones, manager): Sol Smith Russell in Edgewood Folks, to a fair house, 7th. His specialties are heartily applauded. The play did not make a favorable impression. Mayberry and Overton's Wages of Sin, to a small house, 8th. Charles Mayberry, Charles Overton, Annie Baldwin and Susie Russell acted their parts in an excellent manner. Performance very much enjoyed. Margaret Mather in The Honeymoon, to a large and fashionable audience, 12th. Milnes Levick as Duke Aranza and Frederick Paulding as Capt. Rolando shared the honors.

Item. Manager Jones started for New York, 8th inst., for a short pleasure trip.

INDIANA.

INDIANAPOLIS.

English's Opera House (W. E. English, proprietor): The Austin Australian Wheat comb., dated 13th, 14th and 15th, stranded or wrecked in Chicago, did not show up. The 17th was filled with Lulu LeRay, the Georgia wonder. Quite a fair audience greeted her, though she had not been well advertised owing to short time. Her feats are all nicely done, were well received, and it was said by many that she was superior to Hurst. The person who mounted the stage to test the powers of the young lady were well satisfied that she did all that was claimed for her. She is under the direct management of Z. N. Benton, and he is sanguine of success. After a week's tour in Kentucky they will go North through Ohio and Michigan. Opened regular season at Macauley's, Louisville, 16th. Week of 17th, Rice, Mills and Barton's Minstrels. Popular prices.

Dickson's Grand Opera House (George A. Dickson, proprietor): Robson and Crane closed a successful engagement, 17th. For three nights, beginning 18th, Called Back, with the original Madison Square cast, was presented to splendid houses.

Drew and Co.'s Museum: Quite an army of scrubbers, painters, upholsterers, etc., have been at work for some time on the old Park Theatre. As a result stands the Museum Museum ready to be dedicated on the 17th. The Drew and Co. Museums comprise one each at Cleveland and Columbus, O., and Providence, R. I. Indianapolis will be the headquarters. A large room on the ground floor will be used as the museum, and the theatre proper will entertain the best travelling combination. For week of 17th: Lizzie Sprague, pedestrial pianist; Major Tot, gun machine, bearded lady, Baldwinos, a Swedish wrestler; the Bonnettes, Richard Cherubs, Heffernan and McDonald, Callahan, ventriloquist, and many others.

Item (C. T. Gilmore, proprietor): The 17th closed an excellent week for the Gold Mine. In addition to usual good first-part, Sid C. Fraser, in his new creation of Buckskin in The James Boys, drew a full first floor and a crowded gallery. Week of 17th, Sid Fraser in Marked for Life, and week of 24th the Joe J. Sullivan Comedy co; Goldie, J. C. Lynch, Harry and Minnie Woods and others.

Ellsler Items: Fiora May Henry was at home both on and off the stage when she was here with Robson and Crane.—Frank Bixby, a former Indianapolitan, is here with Hazel Kirke.—Samuel P. Cox, general contractor for Drew Circus, will winter in this city. He started East, 24th, for New York and Philadelphia, but will return by middle of December.—Drew Circus will arrive 27th.—A wire bit of gossip tells how Edward Kendall, of the Article 47 co., tried to get hold of Lawrence Bradley's play, to put on the stage. He tried hard, but as Lawrence the play was still in her possession.—Tiller Mc Henry stopped off here a few days, en route to Chicago.—Minnie Gage, a local reader of much favor, will soon debut professionally. She has received favorable offers.—Two cos. have stuck in Chicago, leaving Indianapolis, their next town, in the lurch.—Booth to end the Australian Wheat comb. It was said that the Wheat, the Ambs and all were joined in Chicago on account of violations of contract and assault and battery, etc.—Even the friends of Friendly Tip Ferguson were surprised at the manner in which he handled the Pete Bassett in Called Back. They thought once a dude, always a dude.—Mrs. J. C. Smith, mother of Joseph Arthur, of Bunch of Keys, died in New York, 12th.—Telegrams received here announcement the total destruction by fire of Emery's New Opera House at Anderson, Ind. The building had recently been built at a cost of $30,000.—Maud Granger, the Maud Stuart of Madison Square, Young Mrs. Winthrop, is resting now at her home in this city.—Another Indianapolis lady, Kate V. Tenney, of Hazel Kirke, is here. Her familiar name is Kate Tenney Morris.—E. E. Ellis, formerly treasurer of the Zoo, will probably go on the road soon.—Local managers are trying to out-do New York in the magnificence of stage-settings, and are not far behind.—Hubl and Middleton do not get the Park Theatre for a museum.—In my letter of last week an error occurred that was very annoying. The sheet of copy bearing the announcements for English's was lost or mislaid. The local management supposed that Tim Murphy had attempted to "do" us up.—Coming at Dickson's: 25th, Miss Rivers in Elizabeth, Queen of England; 26th and 27th, Clara Morris in Article 47; 28th and 29th, Strakosch Co., Ursli Co.; Dec. 1, 2 and 3, La Charbonniere.

LAFAYETTE.

Grand Opera House (F. B. Caldwell, manager): The Black Flag, 13th, with Edwin Thorne in the leading role. The Hanlons, 24th.

RICHMOND.

Grand Opera House (Bradbury and Son, managers): Prof. Proctor, the astrologist, to moderate business, 24th and 25th. Doyle's Electric Flashes of Fun failed to arrive. Name probably too much of a load to carry.

Items: Haslam occupy the Phillips Opera House, and —Mrs. Katherine Gray, the elocutionist, drew a packed house at Liberty, Ind., last week.

MICHIGAN CITY.

Opera House (Louis Weiler, manager): Wyman and Crawford Comedy co. appeared, 17th and 19th, in Our German Farmer, to a well pleased audience.

EVANSVILLE.

Opera House (T. J. Graves, manager): Lulu Hurst's, the Georgia Wonder, to small houses, 9th and 10th. Miss Hurst did not prove a great wonder here. She failed in almost every experiment she attempted. Frank Mayo in Nadjeh to only fair business, 13th and 14th. But the reserved seat "hair" for the Restless matinee 14th and Davy Crockett at night collected large audiences. Frank Mayo as Waldemar in Nadjeh made a great hit. His support is excellent. Hazel Kirke, 15th.

Items: The Apollo has been refitted and now presents a handsome appearance. It will be run this Winter with first class combs, instead of variety. It opened 15th with Joseph R. Grism's Mrs. Partington.

FORT WAYNE.

Academy of Music (C. E. Wordsworth, manager): Has lately presented the Corner Grocery to one of the largest audiences of the season, 11th, and gave a good show. Leavitt's Specialty co. had a very thin house 12th, and gave a somewhat mediocre performance. The managers says they have been playing to poor business for the past week. All Wyman, now out. Mr. Henry's Minstrels which were booked on 16th cancelled.

Masonic Temple (J. H. Simmons, manager): Edwin Thorne in The Black Flag appeared 14th and 15th. They succeeded in have a matinee, 15th, but owing to the slim attendance money was refunded. In the evening they had a small house. Laura Henry in a Mountain Pink, 17th; Barlow Wilson's Minstrels, 21st.

IOWA.

DAVENPORT.

Burtis' Opera House (A. L. Burtis, manager): Hanlons in Le Voyage En Suisse, 13th, to a packed house. They gave satisfaction. Margaret Mather, announced for 14th, in Julia in the Hunchback.

CEDAR RAPIDS.

Greene's Opera House (C. G. Greene, manager): Marie Vickers, 8th, matinee and evening to fair audiences. Salsbury's Troubadours in Three of a Kind, 14th, to a large audience. Hours of laughter penetrated the performance.

DES MOINES.

Grand Opera House (W. W. Moore, manager): The Hanlons were the attraction, 13th, and proved a great card, as the large receipts attested. Their performance was splendid throughout.

Foster's Opera House (William Foster, manager): Mattie Vickers in Jacquine, 13th and 14th, to very fair business, giving the usual satisfactory performance.

KEOKUK.

Keokuk Opera House (Harrison Tucker, manager): The Hanlons appeared 10th, in Le Voyage En Suisse to the largest house of the season, both in numbers and money. Last season they played here two nights at advance prices, and at the regular prices this time, in one night, they played to very near as much money. Planter's Wife, 19th; Rente-Santine, 27th.

Item: Ida Rush, lately of the Ranch co., is visiting relatives here.

CLINTON.

Davis' Opera House (C. E. Forbes, manager): Sautley's Mastodons, to good business. The alleged music was an insult on the fling of a hand-saw. The actors advertised their business in good shape. It is to be hoped Manager Forbes did not know the character of the show when he gave it a date. Charles A. Gardner, in Karl, the Peddler, 2nd.

DUBUQUE.

Opera House (Duncan and Waller, managers): The Fifth Avenue Comedy co., having date of 6th, failed to appear. Mabel Santley and a very tart troupe of females appeared at the Opera House, 10th, to a fair sized audience. The Salsbury Troubadours came 12th, to a large and well pleased audience. Bride and Frear's Booth of Boys co., 13th, to a fair sized audience. I must say that the co. is very tame in comparison to the Flora Moore co. Tony Denier Humpty Dumpty co., 22d; Silver King, 26th, 27th.

OSKALOOSA.

Masonic Opera House (G. N. Boehler, manager): Mattie Vickers, 10th, to lightest house of the season—$93. Mattie Vickers is great, and Jacquine is a good play; but repeating the same play four times inside of nine months in towns the size of Oskaloosa is giving too much of a good thing.

KANSAS.

TOPEKA.

Grand Opera House (Wood and Updegraff, managers): Maggie Mitchell in Little Barefoot and Pearl of Savoy, to very large houses, 7th, 8th. Margaret Mather, announced for 14th, as Julia in the Hunchback.

Crawford's Opera House (I. M. Crawford, manager): Hanlon Brothers, in Voyage en Suisse, to large and well-pleased house, 7th. Nat C. Goodwin had a fair house in Confusion, 10th. Preceded by that tart old farce To Oblige Benson, with intolerably long waits between acts. Mr. Goodwin is, in my opinion, America's foremost comedian; but I should prefer to see him in better vehicles for the display of his talents. Pretty little Fay Templeton to a large house in Giselle-Giselle, 12th. She is surrounded this season by the best co. she has yet had, and in the hands of some bright, energetic manager, with sufficient capital to carry him through, would soon be acknowledged the prettiest and most talented opera-bouffe artist in America. Edna Carey in Planter's Wife, 13th. An excellent play and a first-class troupe.

EMPORIA.

Whitley Opera House (H. C. Whitley, manager): Fay Templeton in La Belle Coquette, 11th, to a large audience. Fay is a favorite here and always draws a good house. Harry Brown, the co-pedlar, as Grifferdin was excellent. Edna Carey played a full house in the Planter's Wife, 12th. Miss Carey was exceptionally good.

ATCHISON.

Price's Opera House (I. M. Crawford, manager): The Hanlons played Le Voyage en Suisse to a good house, 8th, and gave great satisfaction. Nat C. Goodwin in To Oblige Benson and Confusion, 11th. Goodwin is inimitable as a master of facial expression. The farce is of course old, but always enjoyable. Goodwin, Jennie Weatherby and Edward Seidenecke in Confusion were excellent. The Lucretia of Miss Weatherby was a delightful bit of character acting. The play and the baby took the house. Dragon's Uncle Tom's Cabin played to a large gallery audience, 9th. Fay Templeton, the cutest and most graceful little actress using Giselle-Giselle, 12th, to a large and fashionable audience. Her drinking song, "How How a Sparkles," was very taking. Miss Vane, the perverted, was on gay and frisky as if she were only sixteen. Harry Brown in his "It's Only a Matter of Taste," was encored until he refused to reappear. Burr Oaks, 21st and 22d; Jacques Kruger in Dreams, 23d.

PARSONS.

Edward's Opera House (McKim and Baird, managers): McKee's Troubadours, a traveling variety show, and a poor one at that, played to poor business, 6th. Robert McWade gave us Rip Van Winkle to full house, 24th. Mr. McWade as Rip was very fine.

LEAVENWORTH.

New Opera House (Ed. A. Church, manager): Dragon's Uncle Tom, 6th, to poor business. Louis Aldrich in My Pa 22nd, 24th. The play was rendered admirably. A political meeting was in competition. Planter's Wife, 11th, to a fair house. Edna Carey as Edith Grey, played the part fairly well, and Mr. Lothrop well played the part of Grey, played the part fairly well, and Mr. Lothrop well played the part of Grey. Fay Templeton was well received. But the general verdict is that the support is inferior to that of last season. With Emily Rigl and Ralph Delmore in the cast, standing room would have been at a premium. Nat C. Goodwin, 12th, appeared before a large and enthusiastic audience in Confusion. The comedy was an instantaneous success.

White Elephant: Business has been large. Arrivals, 12th: Bertram Sisters, Burt Stowe, Fannie Newton, Billy La Clede, Hughes and Hart, and Benny Howard.

LYONS.

Baxter's Opera House (T. A. Baxter, manager): Louis Lord, 10th, 11th, to Members of Congress and constables, to fair houses, considering weather and political excitement.

ABILENE.

Opera House (H. Bonebrake, manager): Jenny Brown, supported by a miserable co., played an engagement of two nights to wretched business. Decidedly the worst co. that ever appeared here.

Item: Miss Robinson, the son of old John Robinson, plays comedy parts with Jenny Brown.

KENTUCKY.

LOUISVILLE.

Macauley's (John T. Macauley, proprietor): For the first three nights of week of 10th, Edwin Thorne in The Black Flag, to fair business only. This successful play is now familiar to all, and was given during this engagement with the same evenness and care that characterized its former productions. Thorne gave the same manly impersonation of the persecuted hero. Russell Bassett was good as the Jew—any actor who plays the part is at a disadvantage through comparison with Nat Goodwin. J. L. Ashton did again his original bit as the quarry guide, "and there you are!" T. J. Martin gave the best rendering of the stern old Dunstan Kirke sort of a father we have yet had. Mr. Martin has in times past given us samples of some very bad acting, notably in The World, and again as the wicked brother in The Black Flag; but this time he certainly is deserving of praise. The ladies were attractive and the scenery and mechanical effects satisfactory. The wonderful acting of little Harry Woodruff as the boy Ned was perhaps properly appreciated. T. P. W. Master in Hand and the week to large business. The Passenger of Paris, 17th; The Secretary, 24th; We, Us & Co., 25th.

Masonic Temple Theatre (Mallory and Friedlander, managers): Carter Swain as Master's new play, The Lottie Joker, for five nights, did a satisfactory business. The lady is a Louisville favorite, and our box-holds in her own play one more comfortable than those in which she has formerly appeared here. She introduced her singing, dancing and acrobatic accessories, which met with hearty applause. The play is about the usual thing of its kind, is at least coherent, and serves the purpose of making the star a natural and interesting figure. The engagement closed Friday to enable the co. to reach New Orleans, which is the next stand. Frank Mayo in Nadjeh, 17th; Lizzie May Ulmer, 24th.

New Gaiety (J. P. Whedon, proprietor): Mr. Rooney's excellent co. did only a fair business. The genuine skirt dancers are few—three, and it is surprising the patronage was not greater, as this style of entertainment usually draws well here. Of the co., after Mr. Rooney himself, one for occasional hints and Byrne, Mary, the clog-dancer, the O'Brien Brothers, and little Katie Rooney, who does a good turn. The co. are rumors of dissatisfaction and sensible disbandment of the co., which are, however, denied by Mr. Rooney.

Harris' Museum (P. Harris, proprietor): The biggest houses of the week, or of the season, were drawn by Rose's Mastodons, standing room only being sold during entire week, the capacity of the house being taxed at each performance. Fully 25,000 people attended during the engagement. The entertainment given was a good one, the singing good, and the jokes got more than a hundred times in the usual thing. Billy McAllister made a good enemy speech, and the whole show was fair. The Seven Sutherland Sisters appeared several times in the museum. George Washington, 25th.

Items: The Sudden Hill Wild West show was affected by the election interest, and only drew one large crowd, which was upon Sunday.—Frank Mayhew was to have the entire week of 24th among old friends. The 3d round week for The Passengers of Paris.—The boy Harry Wendell will some day be heard from; he made a hit here.—It is said that after this season Mr. Rooney will retire from the stage. Can it be to devote himself to literary work? E. D. Price, agent for Brooks and Dickson, did good work here for La Charbonniere and Sisters.—The week of 17th brings a fair list of attractions, and among the different can a number of favorites, Rachel Macauley, Mrs. D. P. Bowers, Henrietta Vaders, Fulton Russell and others.—George Thatcher was most warmly and sincere remembered at the three Vaudeville Theatre here, and did not give promise of his present development.—Sunday, 26th, Lotta Leary, a Georgia wonder will do the engagement business at Macauley's.—General Clayton, a clever opera singer and comedian is in the city out of employment.—Robert comes to Macauley's, 26th and 27th.—Emma Stockman (Mrs. J. W. Norton) was in the audience at Macauley's, Thursday 24th. She is as pretty as she was when playing here in the regular stock.—The Madison Square people are trying to create the impression that any other version of The Secretary than their own, will not be correct and will not represent the New York success of the play properly. This, in view of the early appearance of Gillette in his version, is not right, and does not speak well for Messrs. Mallory and Palmer's opinion of the understanding and intelligence of our people.

PADUCAH.

Morton Opera House (Morton, Kirkland and Quigley, proprietors): The most fashionable event of the season was the opening of this new and handsomely appointed place of amusement, which occurred, 20th. Patti Rosa in Nitgab was the attraction. The audience was composed principally of the elite of the city. A second night was cancelled. Receipts $300. Lizzie May Ulmer, 24th, did a good business and made herself quite a favorite; Frederick Warde, 28th.

St. Clair Hall (Landon and Clark, managers): New Orleans Minstrels, 22d, to big business. Their Gold Band is quite a drawing feature.

Item: Buffalo Bill will give two performances, 25th and 26th, at the Fair Grounds.

MAINE.

PORTLAND.

Theatre (Frank Curtis, manager): An overflowing house greeted the Boston Museum co., 22d, and the welcome given them was certainly flattering. Charles Barron and Annie Clarke, in My Uncle's Will, and the rest of this artistic co. in Nanky, provided an evening's amusement long to be remembered. Ian Robertson as the Private Secretary here off the honors. His quaint "Don't you know" kept the audience in a continuous roar of laughter. A second performance would have been a good move.

People's (Charles Lasrell, manager): Large audiences in attendance in 1-2 week. The wonderful dog, Fritz, in the Forest of Sandy, as well as Fox and Ward's Pathfinders, have proved a strong attraction.

City Hall: Florence Marryat's Love-Letters was the third attraction in the Stockbridge Course, and the usual large audience was in attendance 23th. They enjoyed this unique entertainment. Miss Marryat is great.

Bijou Rink: A. S. Anthony's Grand Velox combo. gave two performances 20th and 21st. This novel attraction deserved the fine patronage given.

Items: R. M. Field, manager of the Boston Museum, and Charles H. Thayer attended the performance of Nanky.—Boston Theatre co. in Youth is booked for the 30th.—Professor Geissner and his orchestra rendered some fine selections at the last Stockbridge entertainment.

MASSACHUSETTS.

FALL RIVER.

Academy of Music (George Hastett, manager): Rice's Surprise Party in Jenny and Gill's latest, A Bottle of Ink, 11th, to fair house. The piece is after the style of Evos, Rag Baby and others, and causes an end of fun. In the second act there is lots of Hackey and a fair share of Pop co. sent on good as last year. Oliver Byron entitled a blood-thirsty audience, 12th, in Hero. I should like to see Byron in a play worthy of his talent. Mr. and Mrs. George S. Knight in Harry Jackson, Jr.'s, adaptation of the Private Secretary, 13th, to poor business. Coming upon three days' advertising, with no printing, did not tend to improve business. Germania Orchestra, 19th. Boston Theatre in Youth, 20th and 21st. People's Museum co., in Nanky, 26th and 27th.

Items: Oliver Byron will produce a new play, called Rags and Bones, at Toronto, Dec. 14. The piece has been played two years in the English provinces. The printing will be all imported.—Little Ida Mulle captured the dudes in the Orpheus and Eurydice scene where she appears as Cupid.

NEW BEDFORD.

Opera House (J. C. Carey, manager): Rice's Battle of Ink co., opened on to the stage under its new name, 10th, and held the attention of an audience of fair dimensions. Ida Mulle deserves particular notice. Oliver Byron appeared in Hero, a sensational drama, 11th.

BROCKTON.

City Theatre (W. W. Cross, manager): Oliver Byron made his second appearance in Across the Continent, to small business, 18th. The first entertainment in the People's Course was given by the Germania Quartette, of Boston, to a large and fashionable audience, 19th; the regular Boston Museum co. closed its travelling season here with the production of Uncle's Will and Nanky to a fair house, and gave good satisfaction, 19th; Boston Ideals, 20th; Harry French's Illustrated Lecture, 21st; Daly's Vaudeville, two performances, 23th; Louise Pomeroy, Dec. 2d; Leopold Lecturer, 5th.

Opera House (H. L. Bryant, manager): Music of main and George Cable gave their readings, recitations, etc., to a very small audience, 24th; Flora Myers' co. in the Sea of Ice, week of 27th.

TAUNTON.

Music Hall (A. B. White, proprietor): George S. Knight in the New Secretary, 25th, to a large audience, giving the best of satisfaction. Mr. and Mrs. Knight are great favorites here.

CHELSEA.

Academy of Music (James B. Field, manager): Boston Theatre co. in Youth to light business, 20th, owing to political procession. A detachment from Co. H, First Regiment, assisted in the battle scene. The Angel of Midnight by the Boston Museum co., 25th, drew a fair house. The excellent acting of Messrs. Barron and Frost and Miss Clarke sustained the piece, which otherwise would have proved uninteresting. Holyo in Vacation, 29th. Boston Museum co. in The Gay 90s, 27th.

LOWELL.

Huntington Hall (John F. Cosgrove, manager): Most of the co. which Mart Hanley brought here last season are again with him, together with Quilter and Goldrick (who are great favorites here) and Dan's Tribulations, with the catchy songs, packed the house, 24th. The genial Mart graces headliner and pulled every year, and was made much of during his short stay. The Ivy boys in Vacation will have a big welcome 25th; Boston Museum co. in Nanky, 27th; the ushers beside with a sacred concert 28th; Youth, 29th.

Music Hall (Walter S. Simmons, manager): The firm of Simmons and Emery has been dissolved. Mr. Simmons continuing, having taken a lease of this hall for ten years. The first attraction under the new management will be the Pinafores, 27th, in Facts.

HOLYOKE.

It is a long time since our music lovers have had such a genuine musical feast as was presented by the Thompson Opera co. in the Beggar Student, 17th. The solo efforts were most exquisitely rendered, and the duos, trios, quartettes, in fact the whole chorus drew rounds of applause and most hearty encores. The western individual singing and acting might be discourteous; all were excellent, and many flattering comments were made, and all hoped and expressed a desire to see The Beggar Student once more, and by the same co. A large, fashionable and calmly appreciative audience greeted the co. Levy and his cornet still grace us, and.

WALTHAM.

Music Hall (W. D. Bandman, manager): Ashmont's co. No. 2 in Peck's Bad Boy, 20th, to fair house. Daly Brothers in Vacation, 22d. Hark Twain and George W. Cable read selections from their own works to a good house, 24th.

NEWBURYPORT.

City Hall (George H. Harney, agent): Owing to political excitement the Boston Museum co., under G. A. R. management, 20th, drew only a small house. This is to be regretted, as it is not often that we have the pleasure of seeing such an excellent co. The comedy presented, Nanky, is very laughable. Palmer-Daly Vaudeville co., 22d.

SPRINGFIELD.

Gilmore's Opera House (W. C. Le Nair, manager): Levy and his cornet co. had a light house, 20th, but gave a first-class performance. Thompson's Biggest Incident co., had a big house, 24th, if large size of presentation of that opera in this city. The opera was very much liked, and all who did not go spent a very enjoyable evening. C. M. Pike's Opera and A. P. W. Shannessy's Colonel Standard were the features.

LYNN.

Music Hall (James F. Bell, manager): John G. Saxhead's co. lecture, "Facts in the Magic of Power," was listened to with deep attention by a large audience at the third entertainment in the Star Course, 20th. The Boston Theatre co. gave a fine performance of Youth, 20th, to a small house. Salsbury's co. on Peck's Bad Boy and his Pa drew a big house, 23th.

Items: The third entertainment of Manager Bell's Star Course at Waverley on Christmas eve was closed with one of the largest audiences that ever gathered in that city. The Levy Concert co. being the attraction, they will appear at Music Hall, 29th. Rose Eytinge and Ed Arnold appeared before a large audience at Odd Fellows' Hall, 20th, the occasion by the Ossoli Symphony Orchestra, under the management of Mr. Bell, it will be given at Springfield, Mass., Colonel Pierce of Boston, assisted by Professor E. D. Locke, of this city, and several fine selections from Holmes to a small but select audience at Lee Hall, 25th.

WORCESTER.

Theatre (Charles Williams, manager): The house was reopened last week by the Sunday and Monday co., to crowded houses at popular prices. Miss Parkhurst and E. F. Sands in the leading roles were received with enthusiastic applause. Haverly's Genuine of Gold co., cast and cast, and matinee, Heap of Gold 24th, 25th; Louise Pomeroy, in The Outcast, 25th; Maude Granger in Lynwood, 26th and 27th, and matinee (Thanksgiving Day); Rentoul and Cook, 27th and matinee in Chevalier.

Items: The Hanlons in our city at the Post Office convention, but it is generally impossible to get one if you go later than Saturday, as they are always sold out.—Rentoul's Opera Houses will open Dec. 1 as Washburn Hall, same place as was used last season.—The Boston Symphony Orchestra gave a delightful concert at Washburn Hall, 24th. The Harvard Exhibit (one the Boston business Fair occupies Washburn Hall this and next week.—Manager Whitmore announces that his next bookings of the season are yet to come, and as the attractive entertainment is sure to be satisfactory good business.

MICHIGAN.

DETROIT.

Whitney's Grand Opera House (C. J. Hamilton, manager): Callender's Minstrels did a good business, 13th, 14th and 15th. Rice Bandmania in the Metropolitan, 17th, 18th and 19th. Lester and entertainers afternoon. Lights o' London week of 24th.

Detroit Opera House (Charles A. Shaw, manager): La Charbonniere week of 11th, to excellent business. The play is a strong one, and talks Saxony plainly without the old-all business or clapping. Chas Morris, 20th, 21st and 22d.

White's Grand Theatre (Charles O. White, manager): Kentiyre's Rosebuds did an excellent business week of 11th and gave immense satisfaction.

GRAND RAPIDS.

Powers' Opera House (W. H. Powers, manager): Rice Bandmania made his first appearance in this city on the evening of the 10th, playing Cross the Rhinestone before a large and fashionable audience. The co. displayed the play and, and failed to give the satisfaction derived from a performance of the theme by a co. headed by John A. Mackay. The general opinion here is that Mr. Bandmania is travelling on his "rep." Rosebud, Lights o' London, Dec. 1 and 2; Silmeda, 3d to 6th.

Redmond's Grand (W. H. Powers, manager): Nothing but good week. Clara Morris co., Article 47 play. The Gallery Slave, 26th; Patti Rosa in Nitgab, 27th, 28th and 29th.

ADRIAN.

Adrian Opera House (L. M. Gorsuch, manager): Duncan Thompson, 17th, in Jealous Wife—co. was greeted by a good house. Never pleased audience ever left the house. Ignatius Hawtrey as Sir Benedict, the bachelor, was good, as usual, and in the dance with little Tot exceeded to three encores. If Lawton Rose had paid more attention to her stage part and less to smiling and pleasing at the leader of the Pilgrim Orchestra, her efforts would have been better appreciated. Rentoul co. next Tuesday, 26th.

BATTLE CREEK.

Hamblin's Opera House (W. H. Eldred, manager): Duncan Thompson as Jealous Wife week, 8th, 9th, 10th. His conception of new pieces, which formed three of Monthall, 6th, deserves special mention. They are all first-class creations. Hillyer and Miss Jessie Dixon Comedy co., 24th, week.

FLINT.

Music Hall (Thayer and Page, managers): Lights o' London, 11th, to packed house, giving good satisfaction.

Item: The Flint Rives Democratic Club produces A Sea of Trouble, 26th.

JACKSON.

Hibbard Opera House (C. J. Whitney, manager): Ned Stevenson (professionally known as Ned Forrest) was transferred a benefit by local talent, 21st, against a political jubilee, with best results. Standing-room was sold during the parade, and before the entertainment closed the house was packed so that many were refused at the door. Ned lost but the use of his eyes, caused by the squirting of acid. Dime Bandmania on Cross, the Slaughterers, to medium business, 24th.

BAY CITY.

Wenzony's Opera House (John Buckley, manager): Lights o' London, 22d and 23d, to good business.

MINNESOTA.

STILLWATER.

Grand Opera House (R. W. Dexter, manager): Salsbury's Troubadours gave us Three of a Kind, 20th, to a good house. St. Paul contingent kept many away, and those who did attend were not over-pleased. Play smacks too much of variety.

ST. PAUL.

Grand Opera House (L. N. Scott, manager): Lawrence Barrett, week 20th, presenting Pescaras de Rambal, Yorick's Love, Richelieu, Hamlet, Merchant of Venice, David Garrick, Julius Cæsar, and Francesca da Rimini, matinee. Mr. Barrett could not have desired a more flattering reception than was rendered the gentleman after the time in this city.—Fourteen da Rimini. The house was crowded to the doors by a brilliant and fashionable audience the largest house of the season. The play was finely mounted and the costumes superb.

Olympic Theatre (Edwin P. Hilton, manager): Armenian week of 20th. Under the Gaslight and O'Donovan's Birthday by the co. A fair size house greeted Hough and Jessie Barton, Mobile Pilgrims, Thomas Cary, Maud Revell, Charles Sargeant and the Four Cornets. Rather light business. By permission the Ida Siddons Mandolin gave a performance Sunday night 25th, to a full house.

MISSISSIPPI.

VICKSBURG.

Opera House (Pisani and Bates, managers): Gray's Opera co. played three nights to good houses. The performances were very fair. The Hamilton Edeo co. was refused dates.

ABERDEEN.

Temple Opera House (H. W. Stiles and co., managers): Bella Moore in A Mountain Pink drew a crowded house, 11th. Our people having only a few nights before enjoyed the Saint Patrick Troupe, were not prepared to meet with the disappointment that seemed from such a well advertised co. as the Mountain Pink. Bella Moore has no conception of the amusement people's requests, customs and dialect. The support was quite ordinary.

MERIDIAN.

Meridian Theatre (Levi Rothenberg, manager): The Bella Moore Mountain Pink co. played to fair business, 9th. Miss Moore made a decided hit, and was the recipient of much applause, which several times brought her before the curtain.

Arena: John R. Davis' Circus, 24th.

MISSOURI.

KANSAS CITY.

Gillis Opera House (Corydon P. Craig, manager): Burr Oaks closed an excellent week's business, 12th. Walter Bentley as Burr Oaks shows himself to be an actor of considerable force. May Brookyn as Maggie, Burr Oaks' wife, was excellent.

Coates Opera House (Mel. H. Hudson, manager): Dreams; or, Fun in a Photograph Gallery, was presented by Jacques Kruger and co., 11th, 12th, 13th, to fair business. Jacques Kruger as John Antonio Binks was very good; so was Fannie Rice as Ruby, his wife. Arthur Wilson as Gregy, the dude, might have been materially improved upon. Sallie Cohen as Kitty Binks was excellent. Nat C. Goodwin appeared, 13th and 14th, in Confusion and matinee, 13th, in Nicholas Goodwin, as Christopher Blizzard, in Confusion, was an

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The Usher.

I met a well-known dramatist at the Grand Opera House the other evening, and he confided to my opinion that Shadows of a Great City is the best local melodrama that has been given us in a long time. "I'm glad to see," said he, "that you've swung around to my views in regard to American and foreign playwrights. I told you five years ago that you'd come to think by-and-bye that we cannot afford to harbor imported trash at the expense of good native productions." The worthy dramatist's memory is very bad. He forgets that THE MIRROR has persistently and stalwartly advocated the encouragement of the home article, and has also maintained the necessity for some cast-iron international copyright laws to protect the rights of our home authors, and those of England as well. At the same time this paper has never hidden the opinion that good plays written abroad should find a welcome here. It is to the miserable muck with which we have been deluged by the writers across the sea that THE MIRROR has objected and still objects. I have repeatedly expressed a desire for the spread of a patriotic feeling among the public in respect to the stage—that is, a broad patriotism which heartily encourages our own playwrights without closing our theatres to the better class of plays sent to us from abroad.

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For the purposes of dramatic effect, the arrangement of the Blackwell's Island scene answers the purpose very well, but it is a perversion of the original locality. The prisoners' cells on the Island are not situated beneath the pauper ward. And yet in Shadows of a Great City this peculiar blending of separate institutions is effected. I am also willing to allow the dramatist a fair amount of license in traversing the waters from the prison to the rock in Hellgate, but the journey, with panoramic effects, is altogether too brief to satisfy the spectator who has a sneaking regard for probability. Fortunately, the top-tier boys on Monday evening were phenomenally ignorant of the geographical features of the little isle and its adjacent waters, for they applauded the scene, with its cleverly contrived mechanical effects, to the echo. If it goes with the New York gallery god, it may be relied on to pass muster with his provincial brother. And yet the rest of the production is so complete that I wish this error were corrected.

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Last week the name of Mr. Stoddart appeared under his picture on the front page as John H. Stoddart. Now, he was christened James H., and he naturally prefers it to any other name which the jovial compositor, in the generosity of his heart, chooses to give him. Stoddart has been playing for a good many years, and I would pardon him if he entertained the idea that his reputation had penetrated to the theatrical printer's case. But such is fame. He must not feel aggrieved if the backdoor keeper over at the Union Square takes him for a stranger and denies him admittance behind the scenes some night.

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There is seldom a new departure announced that somebody doesn't rise up and take away the glory of novelty by revealing the fact that it has been done before. This is so in the case of the lively little lady, Bessie Bernard, who has been engaged to go out in advance agent by W. W. Kelly. I have received a letter from Mrs. E. L. Fernandez, who says: "I would ask you to give space to the fact that the first female press agent in this country was sent out by the enterprising Frohman brothers in advance of May Blossom, and I was that agent. I found the work very pleasant, and I was treated with great respect by the newspaper men of Philadelphia and Boston." Mrs. Fernandez does not give the date of her exploit, but of course it is since the M. S. piece went on the road. Miss Bernard still, I believe, can claim the distinction of being the first female advance agent, for she filled a position of that sort with Rose Eytinge last year.

Nice and Warm.

One of the greatest French farcical comedies produced in Paris during the last decade is Trois Femmes pour un Mari, which has held the boards of the Cluny Theatre since October, 1883, and is still the best drawing attraction in that city. Manager W. A. Edwards has secured an admirable adaptation of the play, which he will put upon the road Dec. 15, under the title of Nice and Warm, with a strong company. The following well-known actors have already been engaged: J. B. Polk, D. G. Longworth, J. J. Wallace, Charles Fenn, Burt Wallace, Reginald Martin, William A. Lavelle, Julia A. Polk, Annie Deland, Mary Gray, Sophie Lingard, Edith Ainsworth, and Henrietta and Charlotte St. Felix.

The Union Square Theatre has also an adaptation of this play, which the management contemplate rendering at an early day under the title of Three Wives.

Mr. Edwards has already booked time in Brooklyn, Williamsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago, Louisville, San Francisco and other cities.

The New York Ideals.

On Dec. 1 the New York Ideal Opera company will begin its fifth season under the management of Mr. Roland G. I. Barrow. Yesterday that gentleman gave a MIRROR reporter an outline of his intentions, and detailed the preparations he had made for the season. Said he,

"I have engaged Francesca Guthrie and Janet Edmondson, who will alternate leading roles; Louise Searle, Augusta Roche, Kate Stubes, Lillian Greer, Sidney Haven, Emily Pearl, Ellie Ryse, W. H. Seymour, James A. Gilbert, Henry Hoshaw, Willet Seaman, O. W. Kyle and Kirtland Calhoun. Nearly all of them are well-known singers. The chorus will number twenty-four, all strong vocally, and containing the prettiest girls I could find. S. Magnus Davis is my business manager; E. J. Durvel, treasurer; J. W. Arnold, advance agent; W. M. Taylor, musical director.

"All the dresses are new, and I have been to an expense of more than $5,000 for the outfit and scenery. The repertoire includes Giroflé-Girofla, Madame Angot, Fanfan, Chimes of Normandy, Fra Diavolo, Grand Duchess, La Perichole, If necessary, I will do several of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas. Nell Gwynne will also be done, with a new libretto specially written.

"I think that with such materials and the proof of my ability given in Canada during the Summer to produce opera in good style, I may rest assured of success. I am booking time slowly, as I know that when my first dates have been filled I will get better terms."

Mr. Palmer's Victory.

Entering French and Son's office yesterday, a MIRROR reporter found the junior partner in a very pleasant state of mind. "Mr. Palmer and myself," he said, "have at last succeeded in getting a verdict against Manager R. M. Field, of the Bowdoin Museum, who has been playing The Private Secretary under the title Nunky. The litigation has been somewhat tedious, but victory is ours. I have had many transactions with Mr. Field and was surprised at his conduct. He is permanently restrained from playing Nunky."

"Who owns the right of the piece in this country, Mr. French?"

"Mr. Palmer and myself own each a half. We will now proceed against Mr. Field for damages. He will find himself put to great expense."

Ex-Judge Dittenhoefer, of this city, and Augustus Russ, of Boston, were Mr. Palmer's counsel. Mr. Field had one company on the New England circuit playing Nunky, and was about to start out another with Sol Smith Russell at its head. Mr. Russell closed his season in Milwaukee last week and came East expressly to appear in the new play. It is believed that Mr. Field will bow acquiescence to Judge Coit's decision.

London Gossip.

LONDON, Nov. 8.

At the Holborn Theatre we are shortly to have Augustin Daly's clever play of Pique, the bright adaptation of Miss Florence Marryat's novel, "Her Lord and Master." It is said there will be a good company, and that a provincial star will do Mabel Renfrew. I doubt, however, that Miss Davenport's great hit in this part can ever be equalled here or in America by any other artist.

Speaking of American dramatists and dramas suggests Mr. Bronson Howard, though, as he now resides permanently in London, he may prefer, and quite properly, to be regarded as a British subject. His play, Young Mrs. Winthrop, has been produced at the Court Theatre. The critics speak well of the manner in which Howard has worked out rather a slender plot into a play instead of a character sketch. Lydia Foote, always delightful, played charmingly the hero's mother. Mrs. John Wood did not do Mrs. Dick Chetwynd as delicately as did Mrs. Agnes Booth in New York. It gained in broad, rather vulgar comedy, but lost in fine, true comedy touches. Rose Norreys, of Wyndham company fame, did the rather colorless role of the blind girl capitally. This play would have run more smoothly had it been interpreted by an absolutely American company.

American plays or players, whether in song or drama, seem to be the fashion in London. Last evening Miss Nevada, an American girl, made her debut before a London public in Mr. MacKenzie's masterpiece, The Rose of Sharon, which she had done successfully before in October at the Twenty-first Triennial Festival at Norwich. St. James' Hall was packed last evening with a critical and fashionable audience. Mlle. Nevada scored a tremendous success, fully justifying the initial triumph in Norwich. Hilda Wilson, a delightful contralto singer, was also happy in her various solos, and Mr. Santley was, as always, capable and earnest. Orsmonde are very popular items of musical patois in London, attracting crowded audiences. The young prima donna soon tours the United States, and will doubtless meet with all deserved success—certainly if her success over here is any sign of the future.

From contralto to manic-will vocalism and vocalism in a long and cruel descent doubtless, yet one cannot write of music and execution and fail to remember the sublime oratorio writer, Gounod, and in direct sequence Mrs. Weldon (ex-Gounod) immediately looks up severely. This irrepressible female has once more been figuring in court, this last time in bringing an action for libel against the *Topical Times*. She travels in good company, for Lillian Russell and Edward Solomon have also "gone for" the same paper.

One of the brightest dramatic critics London has known was the late Dutton Cook, whose place I fear will never be exactly filled. He wrote charming books on stage love and stagecraft, and was an authority on all historical drama. His widow is a fine musician, and as she is not possessed of great pecuniary riches, her musical talents now serve her most practically. Through the efforts of her late husband's influential friends, she has this week received the lucrative and agreeable appointment of Professor of the Pianoforte at the Guildhall School of Music.

The writer of a successful play, whether he be a critic or no, is a fortunate man. Hugh Conway, author of Called Back, is on the flood-tide of success. A month ago he began another novel, in one of the English magazines, called "A Family Affair," negotiations for the dramatization of which are already under way.

Straying into an editorial sanctum, a few days since, I glanced over the proof-sheets of an admirable screed for the November *Society*, by Howard Paul, critic and journalist, entitled "Should Ladies Dine in Public?" The essay is original in treatment and couched in elegant English.

Another actress and manageress, Mrs. Kendal, who has lately taken to the quill, cut in on G. P. Box at a matinee lately, and was very demonstrative in her applause. The occasion was found to be in some allusion on the stage in the plot of the play to the manner in which dramatic criticisms are paid for sometimes by the actress herself. The stage heroine produces her cash-box, and asks a society paper interviewer how much it will cost to suppress certain details and innuendoes concerning her private life. He says: "Let me see. Two columns and a half—twenty pounds." The audience seemed to see some hidden meaning in this line and received it with enthusiasm. Miss L'Estrange, the "star" actress represented in the play, immediately produces the required twenty pounds. The critic, one Shubrook, then explains that this will insure an insertion of the favorable notice desired; but "the rising young man" who has penned the "slate," including personal character details, also unfavorable dramatic criticism, must be remunerated, else he will print the same somewhere else. So another ten pounds is extracted. Finally, the actress is forced to buy a year's subscription to the paper, and all this to earn an "unbiased criticism from the press." Everybody who listened was amused, and many thought it "an o'er true tale." I think "we" in America may have heard of such doings in certain so-called dramatic newspapers.

I turn from dramatic highwaymen to those of the mimic stage. George Sanger is to reopen Astley's this winter with a grand revival of Dick Turpin, the bold highwayman, to be escorted by a most comely damsel. Astley's is an old stand-by here, as was our old Bowery Theatre to the New Yorker. On its stage some noted men and women in the dim past have executed their little hour, and here now, as ever, the amusement-seeker gets his full "penny-worth" of acting. The last old provincial favorite seen here of note was Miss Sophie Miles, once an American favorite, a capable actress who, had she not, like many another one, been handicapped with a miserable bully of an actor-husband, would have long since risen to the stage eminence she so richly deserved.

Some actresses are fortunate in the selection of their lords, however. Alma Murray (Mrs. Alfred Forman) is one of these happy exceptions. She is a very happy wife and mother, and a sweet, amiable, exemplary woman, as well as always a painstaking, conscientious actress. She has been for several months leading lady at Mrs. Conover's Olympic. The 20th of this month the Browning Society perform Mr. Browning's In a Balcony, in which Alma Murray plays the tender role of Constance. Nora Gerstenberg retains her part of the Queen, provided her health will permit.

An actress, like other people, will give out physically at times. Alice Eaton, who has made great success in Our Babes at Toole's, is seriously ill, and has resigned her part indefinitely; and the news also reaches me that Ada Cavendish is in a precarious condition, at her London residence, from acute nervous fever and prostration.

To return to the Olympic. Mrs. Annie Conover, nothing daunted by her heavy pecuniary losses as a manageress, this evening revives Twins at her theatre, and avows her faith in the Olympic eventually winning dramatic and pecuniary success. She herself intends to create a leading emotional part in a new and original play which she will soon produce at her theatre. I think her unwise in this, as do all her truest friends. She is a clever woman, an honorable and liberal manageress, but as an actress I fear she will never prove a success—at all events in emotional roles.

One of the latest bits of news I hear gossiped is that Miss Finney-Garmoyle-Fortescue is intending to star through America. My goodness! have we not had enough of her sort I should like to know? Yet I presume Americans will flock to see this curiosity as they flocked to see that other stage beauty, the fair Lillian Langtry.

No "London Gossip" would be complete without a glance at "Our Mary's" latest Lyceum labor in the part of Juliet, in Shakespeare's sublime and much-tampered play. The house on the opening night was well filled with that unconventional, "here-do-you-do" sort of a house, very unlike the swell Lyceum audiences of the days of Henry Irving. Well, I don't see that Miss Anderson was much worse as Juliet than she was about eight years ago in New York, save which the late Hart Jackson remarked once to me: "She was very funny as Juliet, and her graves were funnier." Well, she was still "funny" as Juliet, but her graves were most beautiful and haunting. Why dwell longer on this ambitious young woman? We all know that to express deep feeling she uses guttural tones; to convey strong excitement, she runs and runs like an inmate of a Bedlam ward. She did a commendable thing backward on the bed, which caused her a moment to endanger her skull, and once a thrill of apprehension through the audience, lest she had ended her life as well as the act of the play. This was without question the best point Miss Anderson made. Don't, please—don't do it again. But if Miss Anderson cannot play Juliet (and the more intelligent London dramatic-goers and critics think she certainly cannot), no more can Mr. Terriss play Romeo. By the way, what a singular chance coincidence there is between Terriss' sideburns and that of Adelphi Dyas! He is like enough to be that lady's younger brother. The Nurse of Mrs. Stirling was simply perfect, as was the Friar of her son, Arthur Stirling. Mr. Standing, as Mercutio, did Corny Kinsella to Shandonell's Shaughraun by mistake, and as Corny he was excellent. The play was mounted as a spectacular extravaganza, and as such was a success.

One word more and I have done. Considering that "Our Mary" is such a strict Catholic that she won't play Holy Week, she rather swallows the traditional camel "by a huge majority" by allowing an altar on the stage with the reredos of "the Host," and with certain candles cleanly lighted and certain others lighted later on. Also, why allow Terriss to genuflect before the sacred Crucifix and the two, herself and Terriss, go through the sacrament of the marriage service in death above as the curtain descends with the pair bound to the earth before the altar. Surely there is a time and a place for all things, and for myself, as a Church of England woman, having a positive reverence for the Roman Catholic faith in the abstract, this sacrilegious mummery on a stage made me shiver with horror.

A. W.

Professional Doings.

—Marie Lafton was ill and did not appear at Porter's matinee on Tuesday.

—Martha Powrose, under an assumed name, is a member of a Leavitt Remo-Sunday company.

—Lawrence F. Keenan has been engaged by Lena Abeele as second or third heavy in Wanda.

—The father of Steele Mackaye is interested financially in the Lyceum Theatre and School.

—Charles Barton goes to Europe shortly to arrange about the purchase of a new melodrama.

—Rhea will shortly put in rehearsal a new play by M. Meza, author of Yvonne, entitled Arcadia.

—Koster and Bial have purchased a one-act operetta, by Marius de Lazare, called Baby Farming.

—C. H. Smith is forming a comedy company, of which H. W. Ranger is business manager.

—A. M. Palmer is going to proceed against George S. Knight for using a version of The Private Secretary.

—Frank de Vernon has left the Creole company. He says that after being two weeks on the road Clayburgh desired to reduce his salary.

—Elsie Devere was offered an engagement to join Nat Goodwin's company, but declined it as she had no confidence in her singing voice.

—John P. Smith opens his season with R. E. Graham at Washington on the 24th. Rose Stuart, a California actress, is engaged for the company.

—Harry Blessing is at liberty for press work for city theatres or traveling companies. He has had plenty of experience and can give references.

—The artists for the next Casino Sunday concert will be selected from the Mapleson company. Michael Banner, the boy violinist, will appear.

—Samuel Reed and his wife (Marie Bockel) are considering which is the better—to take a small company on the road or wait until something turns up.

—Manager Henderson, of Jersey City, is forming an opera company to play The Mascotte and other pieces. Tillie McHenry has been engaged.

—Frank Long was served with an injunction on Thursday last by Sinbad Bull Kelly, restraining him from playing A Friendly Tip. He had everything ready, company engaged and dates made. The case will drive further into the courts.

—George Paxton has arranged to bring out a couple of weeks hence L'Oiseau Bleu at the New Park. The adaptation was made by Marius de Lazare. Emma Carson is to sing the leading role. New scenery and dresses are to be provided.

—Tally-Ho is in rehearsal by R. L. Downing and his company. The company includes William Herbert, Henry Herman, Julius Kahn, May Wentcott, Clara Jackson and others. The season begins at Christmas and lasts for sixteen weeks.

—Edwin Booth's repertoire this season consists of King Lear, Othello, Hamlet, Macbeth, Richelieu, The Fool's Revenge, Richard III, and the Merchant of Venice. Revivals of Brutus, The Apostate, Richard II, and the Iron Chest are in contemplation.

—Several of the Well-Fed Dora company called at THE MIRROR office during the past few days to complain of their treatment by the Fortescue management. Instead of returning them to New York on the disbandment, they were handed over to Leavitt's Adamless Eden company to join the chorus of that attractive organization.

—The season of Harris' Opera company having been so good, the manager is about to organize another company.

—Last week Lee Goldmark obtained an injunction against C. H. Thorne and Co compelling that firm from selling the music of The Lovely Galatea.

—Miss O'Neill, sister of Mrs. Bouton, the Texas management, will assume control of the Dallas Opera House this season while the latter is in Fort Worth.

—The character of Tommy in Robert Emmet at Chicago was not created by Mr. Ryan as stated but by S. Henry Finney, Mr. Russell's secretary.

—A. W. Mellin, stage manager of the Fulton company, who plays admirably the part of the old homestead, was given a grand complimentary benefit, which he so richly deserved.

—On Friday, Saturday and Monday Richard Mansfield played Frank Thurnwell's part in The Private Secretary at the Madison Square. Mr. Mansfield is the most recent exception to the St. L. rules from amateur circles.

—Manager Alexander informs a MIRROR reporter that A Child of the State is still retained in Kate Claxton's repertoire, the difficulty between George Henry and J. H. Hamlin being settled. It will be played occasionally.

—Florence St. John is receiving a benefit performance on her American visit. Some dozen enthusiasts regarding her are expressing daily. She has offers from the Castle, the Boston Bijou and Boston Museum companies.

—The only person interested in the Comedy Theatre at present is J. Vandenhoff Spalding, who became possessed of it through default of Gale and Spalding. He manages it himself, and has rented it to H. R. Leavitt and others for a short season.

—On Monday night, at the Metropolitan Opera House, the force of ushers was more or less disorganized by the unexpected rush. A well-known police captain and several of his men acted as ushers, and very quickly seated the house.

—There is an agent in New York who for some time past has supplied piano companies with copies of successful plays. Those who are playing Confusion, Hazel Kirke, Pendery's Daughter and other pieces have paid him for the copies.

—Frank D. Lane, a once famous negro minstrel, died at Mt. Clemens, Mich., on Sunday. He was aged fifty-eight. Mr. Lane had been connected with the management of various minstrel companies, some of which bore his name.

—W. A. Thompson's Bunnell Bonbon company is playing in Jersey City. The manager was in town on Monday, and said that the company had been well received everywhere. Return dates at higher terms are offered him, and he looks forward to a fine season.

—The Philadelphia dailies unanimously praise Off to Egypt, which is playing to crowded houses at the Arch Street Theatre in that city. This piece was given a four production over in Brooklyn last week. W. S. Rising and Kate Foley are the leading spirits in it.

—H. S. Taylor is drilling his three brothers Joseph Jefferson and his agency business. He says the latter supports all his expectations, and his list of open dates and chances is increasing. He has not lost a single night, and expects a leading theatre in Chicago in addition to his Brooklyn theatre.

—A student of the Lyceum School, engaged during the day in the business department, secured an engagement in Irving's company as a supernumerary. The stage manager discovered that the gentleman talent and elected him a small part. The Lyceum rules were an obstacle to his accepting it, and he was compelled to decline.

—On Dec. 13 at Washington Joseph Jefferson will close his season and go to his Louisiana plantation for a rest until April 20, when he opens at Lynchburg, Va. His present company is re-engaged. In the meantime, the members will join R. L. Downing to assist in the production of Tally-Ho. Mr. Jefferson has an interest in the venture.

—Perry Meyrell informs a MIRROR reporter that he had a hope of securing the Fantasma engagement at the Fifth Avenue. "We have been able to cancel some of our out-of-town dates," said he, "and are now waiting upon the Fantasma to allow us some of their time here." At the matinees two-thirds of the audiences are children.

—Frank Sanger frankly admits that he is a lucky man. Few managers have progressed so rapidly. All his companies are doing a large business. The Bunch of Keys is causing people sweet at the Mount Morris. Charles Hoyter and Eugene Canfield are evidently the mainstay of the Bunch. And the other two Bunches are little inferior in make-up.

—Lawrence Barrett will play in Chicago for the next three weeks, and after filling engagements in Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington will come to the Star Theatre for a season of six weeks, opening with Francesca da Rimini. During his New York engagement Mr. Barrett will also be seen in Hamlet, Richelieu, Much Ado About Nothing and Julius Cæsar.

—Madame Januschek has improved greatly in health during her recent rest, and continues her season, beginning at the Haverly Theatre, Chicago, on the 30th. The play My Life has been materially changed since its first performance. An entirely new first act has been written, comedy has been introduced from the beginning, and the star is in the firm belief that the public will like the piece.

—The author of Adonis has concluded to go on the road with one of his skits. It is entitled Two Bad Men. He has entered managerial partnership with Paul Arthur, who will play the light comedy part, while the author will be the other Bad Man—a low comedy character. The play, broadly farcical, is in three acts. The author has expended more time on it than on any previous work. Dates have been secured in Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia and New York. The partners are their own backers. The season will open at Troy on Dec. 15. The company comprises Elvie Seabrooke, Eleanor Dearing, Belle Stokes, Kate Ethel, Thomas Q. Seabrooke, Leslie Miller, and Fred Miller, musical director. Edward Mason will go in advance. Gustave Kerker and Fred Miller have arranged the music.

PROVINCIAL.

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Chicago.—W. H. Paddock, of this city, succeeds Colonel Foster as press agent for the managers.—Little Louise, a three-year-old daughter of Phillip Hamilton, business manager for D. C., made her first appearance on the stage Saturday evening at The Gaiety Museum as Baboon, and went through her rather small part in the entire satisfaction of all present.—A Punch & Judy will be seen for the third time at the Leland next week.

SARATOGA.

What I had the honor of announcing your Brooklyn correspondent last Winter and Spring I wrote you that I was much pleased with the condition of affairs, and only regret that I cannot send this week of greater activity than the present, but Thursday, by the Rebus parading the promenades, but it does not succeed in the attire of the Venetians, but it does not succeed in this place, which is, during three or four months of the year, the resort of aristocrats, of culture and of fashion. The past season commenced at once to vulgarize, and the entire reputation was quickly undone. The Casino was the noticeably filled and something better was expected.

Barlow, Talcque and Tourgee are to lecture during the coming week. Saratoga sadly needs a theater, for the amusement of the Town that are miserable, while the other gentlemen all take of choosing a fair view of the stage from the rear seats.

POUGHKEEPSIE.

Collingwood Opera House (E. R. Sweet, manager): J. J. Dowling, Sadie Bernon and an excellent co. presented the sensational drama, Bobby's Chum, 12th, to good business. The singing and acting of Miss Bernon was very fine, and she received marked appreciation. Rose Coghlan and Frank Mayo 14th and 15th. Mr. Dowling, Miss Bernon, Mr. Bowling as Ward Stevenson, the hero, proved himself an actor of no mean ability. Mr. Dyllyn, as the Major, made a hit, and Frank Lawton, as Colonel Prout, was natural. The Coleman Sisters (Alabama Prout) are coming.

Academy (28th, 29th and matinee to excellent business. They give a very pleasing entertainment. Coleman as Bishop is the acme of comedy. Capers, in a Dutch character, Miss Gosper, dancing and acting is splendid specialty. The Four Leaves are also good. J. R. Lester, the leading comedian, is a fine comedian. The rest of the company are all excellent in their respective lines. Lights by Landers, 29th, 30th.

Items: The Coleman co. opened their engagement 29th with Jumbo and Proctor, of the Albany Museum, under school management they have been for some time.—That M. Gosper is on sale at the news stand of W. Buchanan, 297 Main street.

UTICA.

Utica Opera House (Theodore L. Vance, manager): Seward, 10th, to a fair house; Baxter Family 11th and 12th to Good Single and Fri Friends to excellent business. Shadows of a Great City drew good houses 14th, 15th. The co. is a good one and the scenery good. Rosedale, Bangs' Landing, 19th, 20th; Callender's Minstrels, 21st.

City Opera House (Edward Austin, manager): Opened 19th as a variety theater, with the following talent: Jordan and Allen, Ramon Vinent, Annie Forbes, Harry Phillips, Eva Girard, Clara Hamburger and Harry Gregory. Change of programme every week.

Items: The people were pleased to see among the spectators of the Texas Steer Lucien Stevenson and Homer Perkins, who joined the co. at the opening of the season.

TROY.

Griswold Opera House (S. H. Hickes, manager): Stanley Campbell's Impression was finely presented the first three evenings of last week and attracted fair attendance. William J. Scanlan appeared the last three evenings and presented Friend and Foe and Irish Minstrelsy and pleased audiences houses. In the Baden is to be produced for the first time here each, cast, 24th; Rebecca and Crane will appear 25th, 26th; Heap of Gold, 27th, 28th, 29th.

Rand's Opera House, (J. H. McGrath, manager): The Dramatic Ideals pleased a large audience with Fra Diavolo last Monday night. Charlotte Thompson drew moderately the last three nights of the week, and Jane Eyre, Nell Gwynne and The Romantic were well produced. Callender's Colored Minstrels including the Hyers Sisters, 22d.

Grand Central Theater (P. Curley, manager): Following appear this week: Harry Sudworth, Maude Elliott, McEvoy and Mullen, Alice Evans, Thomas Galvin and Nellie Seymour.

Apollo Hall (James Hourse, manager): This cosy little house prospers on excellent bill, headed by Mercray and Ryan, H. Lee and Susie Mansell.

HARLEM.

St. Mavis Theatre (John W. Hamilton, manager): Business closed 19th, having drawn very good houses. The Bench of Keys opened Monday night, and at eight o'clock "standing room only" was being cut. Eddie Presbey was kept busy in handling change. Next week, J. B. Studley as Hunter Crane.

ITHACA.

Wigan Opera House (H. L. Wigan, manager): The Tennessee co. played to a fair audience 12th, and gave the very best of satisfaction.

HORNELLSVILLE.

Opera House (Wagner and Rein, managers): Hi Henry's Premium Minstrels gave good satisfaction to fair house, 20th. Billy Lyons, female impersonator, was among the best ever seen here. J. J. Dowling, Sadie Bernon and a fair co. presented Bobby's Chum to good house 19th. Mr. Dowling, the comedians and the dog were excellent. Dennan Thompson, 24th; Dime Museum, 25th.

Items: F. W. Clark, a very popular young musician of this place, joined Bird's New Orleans Minstrels as clarionist, at Waverly, N. Y., 15th.

SCHENECTADY.

Central Garden Theater: Has variety resort to full houses last week. This week: Wandell, George Phillips, the Lenox Sisters and May Crompton.

Items: Helen Forrest will give recitations and impersonations 24th.

JAMESTOWN.

Allen's Opera House (A. E. Allen, manager): Wilbur Opera co. presented The Little Duke, 9th, to fine audience. J. S. Murphy in Kerry Gow, 13th, to fair house. Dennan Thompson, next.

ELMIRA.

Opera House (W. E. Bardwell, manager): Shadows of a Great City comb. 10th, 12th, to good business. The piece is on for commercial, but seemed to please the audiences. Dan Thompson in Joshua Whitcomb Thanksgiving's matinee and evening. Bench of Keys, Dec. 4; Rose Coughlan, Jan. 19.

Items: T. J. Wilson has resigned from the city staff of the New York Mail and rejoined Callender's as treasurer.

ALBION.

Village Opera House (C. D. Harris, manager): John S. Murphy in Dan O'Hara to Kerry Gow played to a crowded house 20th. Bench to will appear 24th under management of Rube and Townsend.

OSWEGO.

Academy of Music (W. B. Phelps, manager): William Redmond and co. in A Midnight Marriage drew a light house and pleased fairly. The new Redmond play, Emerald, will open here 27th. There are some good points in this piece and a large number of glaring inconsistencies. The co. as a whole is good. Church was given by Richard Reed 19th, and cast were delighted. St. Mavis 24th. Bench co. 26th; The Diamond Breaker, 28th; Philharmonic Society of Syracuse, 29th; Bench of Keys, Dec. 6.

AMSTERDAM.

Opera House (A. Z. Bell, manager): Arthur Rehan's panel co. 19th to light house. Political demonstrations the cause.

Auburn Opera House (A. E. Bell, manager): Mr. Bell having become the manager of the popular place of amusement, will present to the public a fine list of attractions. This week, Jumbo and Proctor's Museum.

AUBURN.

Opera House (A. Behrens, proprietor): Hill's People's Theater opened with fair three weeks and is doing an immense business. Last night (19th) the sale of tickets at the box-office was discontinued as early as eight o'clock, all the standing room having been taken.

Academy of Music (E. J. Moran, manager): The Jean Hill co. did the poorest business of the season 20th. The co. is a good one. Roland Reed in Check did the usual large business 24th and greatly pleased the people. Rentz-Santley co. 26th, 27th.

OHIO.

COLUMBUS.

Gottlieb's Opera House (F. A. Comstock, manager): Daniel Sickles, wife Bella Archer in the title role, had a fair house 19th. Helen Blythe, as Cora, the Cumberland Mystery, gave a good performance to rather light business 20th. Everson Canfield in Wanda, 23d, 24th; Two Johns, 25th; Dan Bryant's, 26th; Bernie Bratton, week of 27th.

Grand Opera House (Miller and Otey, managers): Barrett's All Star co. gave a clever performance to good house 19th. Hyde and Behman's Minstrels had a fair house against the jubilation 20th, and gave a remarkably good show. Robson and Crane in Forbidden Fruit and the Comedy of Errors had big houses 23d, 24th. The Queen, Two Can Play at That Game and Mr. Hasty's Will, in which Charles S. Dickson and Ida Jeffreys took part, were pleasing features of the performance. Josephine Henry, 26th, 27th; Harrisons, 28th, 29th; Mrs. Gilly's Comic Country person 30th); 31st, 1st, 2d.

Items: There seems to be no let-up to the business in this town, it still being big. New arrivals this week: Bennett's Hole Museum; chicken with human face; Madame Sostmick, the sixteen lady; Harry and Master Wanda; Eva Lester, Annie Sargent, Miss Lyons and Dolan Brothers.

Items: T. A. Kennedy, of the Bright Lights is in town and says he intends to remain here for the Winter. This undoubtedly means that some important change will be made in theatrical business here.—Barlow and Wilson managed to get in a good deal of advertising on Hyde and Behman's parade.—J. A. Lewis, one of our most popular ushers, is to be married 27th to Miss Nellie Tedrow, of Rockford, Ill.—Jack would have been a darling in comic opera, but time writes a —. J. D. Siebert, of the Museum, has gone to Indianapolis to take charge of the Park Theater.—Bill Ingram, formerly a manager in St. Louis and Chicago, has been entertaining the boys with a good stock of anecdotes the past few weeks.—Rare's Surprise Party will be at Contwell's 31st.

DAYTON.

The Grand (Larry H. Rent, manager): Hyde and Behman's Minstrels made their first appearance in this city 20th to good business, and gave the best of satisfaction. The afterpiece, Way Down South, is one of the best that I have ever seen. It drifts slightly into the melodrama. Leavitt's Specialty co., 23d, to fair business. A Mountain Pink, 24th, to good business. Laura E. Dainty, as Sincerity Weeks, and Cronie Hyman as Harold Wilmot, are the only ones in the cast worth mentioning. Hazel Kirke was presented 25th to the usual large and fashionable audience. Generally speaking the performance was good. Grace Hobbins in the portrayal of all Hazels, and became a favorite at once. Manager's We, Us & Co., 26th, 27th; Conner Greeny, 28th, and Aiken, 29th and 30th, with Thanksgiving matinee. Laura Dainty favored the veterans at the Soldiers' Home, with several sentimental recitations during the afternoon of the 24th. Professor Bidwell's Realistic Travels will be the attractions at Memorial Hall, Soldiers' Home, week of 29th. The Two Johns Comedy co. reopen Weidner's Opera House 23d. Shortly after seven o'clock this evening (27th) an alarm was sent in, occasioned by a slight fire at Weidner's Opera House. The fire department responded promptly, and the flames were quickly extinguished. The loss will be small.

SANDUSKY.

Biemiller's Opera House (William J. Seufel, manager): The house was comfortably filled 17th at the first presentation of Our Bachelors by Robson and Crane. It is useless to comment on these people. Suffice it to say that they gave thorough satisfaction. Bartley Campbell's White Slave 20th.

CANTON.

Schaefer's Opera House (Lewis Schaefer, manager): The Grotesque Comedy co. (Waldron, Craven, Martin) in Early in the Morning, 20th, drew the largest house of the season. The Two Johns Comedy co. is booked for 26th and Joseph Murphy, 29th.

SPRINGFIELD.

Grand Opera House (Fuller Tromp, manager): Hyde and Behman's co. gave a very satisfactory minstrel show 19th to a good house. Smith, Waldron, Craven and Martin gave a very good performance to a fair house 19th. Hazel Kirke was presented to a large and well pleased audience 24th. Callender's Minstrels, 26th.

Black's Opera House (Samuel Waldman, manager): Dawson and Austin's attraction will appear Thanksgiving eve, and T. W. Keene for Christmas evening.

LIMA.

Faurot's Opera House (O. E. Latham, manager): Dennan Thompson, 19th, to a fair house, against politics. Mr. Thompson is still the same old Jubb. Particular mention should be made of Ignazio Martinetti, Edith Mortimer, Walter Gale and George A. Beane. The Pilgrim Orchestra was excellent.

TIFFIN.

National Theatre (E. B. Hubbard, manager): Dennan Thompson, 19th, to a large and well-pleased audience. The cast is the same as that of last season, with the exception of the role of John Martin, which was assumed by D. D. Bedell. He possesses a very good voice but his acting was rather stiff. The orchestra is immense.

Items: Ed. Sylvester and Jim Griffin, late of Cole's Circus, and Will Baldeman, who has been with Robinson, arrived home last week. Sylvester and Madden will give Humpty Dumpty here during the holidays.

CHILLICOTHE.

Masonic Opera House (Lyman W. Orr, manager): The old clown, Dan Rice, delivered a lecture 24th to a small audience. J. Newton Gotthold appeared in his new play, Mizalie, 24th, to bad business. Mr. Gotthold won much favor. Parkhurst, 25th.

Items: Frank Mayo appears in this city, 28th, and the managers of both houses are advertising him.

URBANA.

Bennett's Opera House (P. R. Bennett, Jr., proprietor): The Saint-Erdemann Dramatic co. in Streets of New York 20th. Fair house.

Dot: As I read from week to week the bright matter from the pen of my fellow-correspondent at Zanesville, I wonder how the fingers of his quill like his criticisms. While I do not agree with him in some points, yet I like him. Would that more of us were possessed of some of his vim.

XENIA.

Opera House (J. A. Hirling, manager): Grotesque Comedy co., 24th, to fair to the Morning, to fair business. Gottlieb's Humpty Dumpty co., 26th.

OREGON.

PORTLAND.

New Market Theatre (J. F. Hoyt, manager): Rafael Joseffy gave three concerts 6th, 7th and 8th, to fair to large houses. Kate Castleton, 10th week; Rose Eytinge, 17th week.

Tivoli Theatre co. gave its farewell performance 24th. Stevens and Lewis go to San Francisco; Bessie King to Boston, and Lew Edgar will be a member of the Casino co.

Items: Jennie Winston and Arthur Bell are expected 4th.

PENNSYLVANIA.

ALLENTOWN.

Academy of Music (C. C. Aschbach, manager): Bayliss and Kennedy's Bright Lights appeared 19th, to fair business. The co. throughout is very good. Harry Le Roy in his juggling feats on a revolving globe is especially worthy of mention. Joseph Johnson as Mr. Wix, Professor Gobbelsnob, cast and said.

Items: Manager Aschbach has included Ashland, Shenandoah and Mahanoy City, making in all seven theaters in his circuit, and is meeting with excellent success.

Professor Gobbelsnob: A former journalist of this city has written, under the nom de plume of "Fred Adams," a multi-dramatic comedy in three acts and five tableaux, entitled Professor Gobbelsnob, which, in the judgment of your correspondent, who, with others has heard it read and seen it in rehearsal, possesses decided merit. Mr. Adams has organized his own company, and proposes to bring the play before the public under his own management. Much interest is manifested by our people in the production. The plot is in substance as follows: Eight years before the action, begins, George Bellevue, the surgeon of a wealthy English cotton-broker, leaves England in disgrace, and coming to America assumes the name of George Morris, but is also known among his crushed associates as Bob Pendley, a nameless outcast. Under the name of George Morris he woos but too successfully the only daughter of Bolton Crane, a wealthy lawyer. A hasty marriage, the flight of the daughter with her scheming lover, and Nellie Crane has passed forever from her father's sight. A year later Morris, his wife and little girl baby are arrested in the cottage Cavalia, on the Goodwyn Sands. His wife is lost, he is pressed up by an outward bound steamer, and there, little one is picked up adrift by a private steam launch, the property of James Revere (Mr. and wife father), and is adopted by Professor Gobbelsnob, between whom and Revere a warm friendship exists. Morris is brought to America, and believing his wife and child dead, goes back to his old associates as Bob Pendley. In the course of time he commits a forgery, and finding himself closely pursued, plans a mock suicide, and disguising himself enters a New England college as student under the name of Kyle Thaxter. This brings us up to the time of the occurrence of the principal events of Professor Gobbelsnob's apartments, adjoining the college in which Thaxter has entered as student. James Revere has in the meantime died, and Bellevue, or Morris, has become George Revere, assumed his name and his estate, and has, as executor, but he shall receive annually the interest of his own estate, but if he dies or should ever marry, the principal shall revert to Thaxter. Bellevue, or Morris, has never ceased to love his wife, and the principal event in his old and colored friend, Professor Gobbelsnob, now in America, giving as his reason for so strange a request that he loves to work actively, he will save some young woman a life of misery. Helen Crane, believed the career of young Revere, and knew that he assumed the name of Bob Morris who married his daughter, and believing in the suicide of Morris comes to the Professor to announce to him his undertaker. Thaxter overhears him tell the fact to the Professor, but does not know that it is the unfortunate that was originally his, and presented by the wealthy progress marriage to Gertchen, the Professor's daughter, but is subsequently repulsed, and leaves vowing revenge. Come in eleven gentlemen of facts which lead him to believe that little Tina, the Professor's adopted child is his grandchild, and he subtly learns from questions that the Professor is such a manner as to arouse his suspicions, upon this follows the abduction of Tina by Thaxter, which, being discovered, the old Professor is instantly seized with the same idea that Caesar has instigated the abduction, and that the story of the disappearance and effect of an adjacent of money, were but a trifle to buy his esteem and affection. In an agony of grief tears a check for five thousand from Caesar, and commands him "Take your gold and get me back my child," which ends Act I. The second act opens on board the steamer Saxonia, en route for Europe. Through Caesar's efforts Tina has been restored to the Professor, and they are now on the way to England, to establish the Professor's claim. Thaxter, disguised as a sailor, by a strange fatality is leaving the country upon the same steamer, and now learns for the first time that it is her inheritance that the Professor is going to claim, and forgetting the enormity of his concealing his identity, proclaims himself. Charles Sketchley, the librettist and dramatist of the future, penetrates his disguise and unmasks him. They advance to secure him, but at this critical moment the ship takes fire, a storm that has been gathering forces upon the vessel, and the Saxonia burns to the eastern edge amid a raging sea of real water. Thaxter and an accomplice escape in a boat barring first picked up Tina and secured Caesar's papers. Act III. opens near Regent's Park, London. Thaxter's (Revere's) claims is about to be accepted, and he wishing to get rid of Tina, has his accomplice wait while he goes to bring her to him. The accomplice, however, falls into the hands of the Professor's party. The Professor disguises himself in the clothing of the accomplice and receives Tina from Thaxter. Charles Sketchley has in the meanwhile conceived the dramatic possibility of Thaxter being Morris, and therefore Tina's father, and to prove his conjecture, has the Professor, who is still disguised as the Italian, bring Thaxter a false report of Tina's death, and hand to him the memorandum which was found upon her. The startling truth now reveals itself to Thaxter that he has abducted, cruelly used, and caused the death of his own child. His humanity asserts itself and in the agony of the discovery quick questioning elicits a confession from him which clears up everything, proves his identity and previous marriage, secures the Professor the inheritance, and sends Thaxter to prison.

PITTSBURG.

Opera House (John A. Kiver, manager): Morris and Beck's Power of Money closed a week of light business, 12th. Rice's Surprise Party opens to-night (17th) for the week in A Bottle of Ink. Bartley Campbell's White Slave, 24th.

Library Hall (Fred A. Parke, manager): Storm-Beaten appeared during the week to only fair houses. The play and co. deserved much better business. Harrison and Gourlay, in Skipped by the Light of the Moon, open to-night (17th) with the prospects of a fair house. John T. Raymond, 24th.

Academy (H. W. Williams, manager): The Rentz-Santley co. have been playing during the past week to crowded houses. Hyde and Behman's Minstrels open a week's engagement to-night (17th). This is the first straight minstrel show given in this house since Manager Williams took hold of it. The prospects are good for a large week's business.

Harris Museum (P. Harris, manager): Large business continues to be the rule, and the present week will be no exception, with Charles W. Fish's Circus as the attraction.

Sixth Street Museum: Business continues fair, with the Comet Girl and the Singalese Family as the attractions.

Items: The Two Johns comb spent Sunday in this city en route to Newcastle, Pa., where they open to-night (19th).—Edward Claptough, the prince of dressers, was in the city last week.—Manager Williams and wife returned from New York, 15th.—Forepaugh's Menagerie will be added to the Sixth Street Museum shortly.—George B. Dalzell, of this city, will join Duprez and Benedict's Minstrels next month.—It is rumored that Manager Parke will shortly take unto himself a wife.

WILLIAMSPORT.

Academy of Music (William G. Elliot, proprietor): Wilbur Opera co., in Gentle Giraffa, 20th, to a large house, considering a political demonstration. The audience expressed its satisfaction by frequent applause. Susie Kerwin, Georgie Knowlton and Annie Somerville were charming. Ed. Chapman, J. E. Conly, C. F. Black and J. E. Brand were admired. Miss Grant has been added to the co. Callender's Minstrels drew a fair but enthusiastic house, 21st. Jumbo Davis, 23d, to his usual immense but not over-refined audience. Power of Money, 25th; Mr. and Mrs. George S. Knight, 27th; The fair Lena Abarle, 27th.

BETHLEHEM.

Since the destruction by fire of our Opera House a few weeks ago, our theatre-goers have learned what it is to be without a playhouse, and much regret not having given it the patronage due it when they had the chance. Manager Auchhurch has arranged it with the Lehigh Valley Railroad so that persons visiting plays in Allentown can return home the same night, and not a few of our people avail themselves of the opportunity. It has been decided to rebuild the house, the same to be finished for the season of 1880-1.

YORK.

York Opera House (Adams and Dale, managers): Peck's Bad Boy, 13th, to the smallest audience that ever attended a performance in this house. The attraction merited better. Joseph Jefferson, 22d; Equine Paradox, week of 24th.

EASTON.

Opera House (William Shultz, manager): Entire week taken up by Professor Bartholomew with Equine Paradox. Crowded houses have been the rule, and the entertainment a very wonderful one.

HARRISBURG.

Opera House (Markley and Tice, managers): Kennedy and Bayliss' Bright Lights 20th to a small house. The performance was very good and gave satisfaction. Callender's Minstrels 21st to a house filled in every part. The programme was one rich in originality and caused much amusement. Manager Billy Welch, who is a native of this city, appeared before the audience and thanked them for their attendance, at the same time telling them he was feeling good, both in health and spirits.

READING.

Grand Opera House (George M. Miller, manager): Jumbo Davis, the Diamond King, appeared, 12th, to a large "Uncle Tom" audience. The Band was much enjoyed. The usual glassware was exhibited on the street. Power of Money, 19th and 20th; Kate Clayton, next.

Academy of Music (John D. Mishler, manager): Peck's Bad Boy Comedy co. appeared 20th, to a large house. Harry Kelly and Lorena Pennimbaum take Lillian and Frank White's place in the co. Bayliss and Kennedy's Bright Lights, 24th, drew a light house. Performance very weak. Equine Paradox week of 27th.

NEWCASTLE.

Opera House (R. M. Allen, manager): The Two Johns had a full house, 19th. Campbell's White Slave, 23d; Humpty, 28th.

Items: The jolly Pierce L. Davis, advance of White Slave co., is in town.

WILKESBARRE.

Music Hall (M. H. Burgunder, manager): Jumbo Davis lumped through a performance, 19th, to a house filled from pit to dome. The brass band, with its fine selections and solos, is the feature of the "show." Bayliss and Kennedy's Bright Lights, 24th, to light business. This co. embraces some excellent talent in the specialty line, and should employ a good orchestra, or at least a leader, as the entire performance falls flat with such execrable accompaniment as was furnished them by our home "talent." The stage manager, Mr. LaRose, could improve upon the co. by devoting more time to the training of his people, and is not so much to working apparent for his own business. Silver King, 26th; World, 27th.

PITTSTON.

Music Hall (Mr. Evans, manager): Bayliss and Kennedy's Bright Lights gave one of the best variety shows ever seen in this town to a middling-sized house, 19th.

RHODE ISLAND.

PROVIDENCE.

Low's Grand Opera House (W. H. Low, proprietor): This week, Bennett and Moulton's Comic Opera co. will produce The Mascotte, Olivette, Bijou Taylor, Chimes of Normandy, Magic Slipper and Pinafore. The week of 27th, Seven Ravens.

Providence Opera House (J. H. Hackett, manager): This week will be over full a Standard Opera co. in A Night at Venice. Thanksgiving week the Boston Theatre co. will present Youth. The first half of last week Mr. and Mrs. George C. Knight won a fair co. presented Rose Michel. Over the Garden Wall and The New Secretary before small houses.

Theatre Comique (Hopkins and Sherow, managers): Arcadia, 19th. Adonis and Carey, the Wonderful Brothers, James Keeler, Wiley and Smithford, Lottie Elliott, John De Voy, John and James Powell and Ben Gilbert, 13th, were seen. The favorite under the bill of the week. Sheldon should be master of Harry Richmond at last having something new. The Actor Type was welcome to Dukes.

Items: Manager Little Sunny Nelson, Lenni and Nellie, Leopold and Bennett, Nellie and Cora Hazel, Thomas Delmonte, Coleman and McCaffrey, Annie the Modern Samson, and the Watson children.

Items: William Wagner, the treasurer of the Dime Museum, left Saturday night to join Mrs. Tom Thumb's co. south. Mr. Wagner has made many friends during his stay here, and all wish him success.—The marriage of Harry O. H. Callender to Miss Fannie Briggs was celebrated at East Providence last week.—William H. White has become proprietor of the Bon Ton Garden. Mr. White also has sole management of Bijou Garden, Worcester, and Front Street Garden, Holyoke.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

CHARLESTON.

Opera Academy of Music (Jerry E. Owens, manager): Barney McAvoy played A Messenger from Jarvis Section, 10th, to poor business. The support was unsuitable, and the stage management would disgrace a third-rate summer co. The Jerrymans was presented for the first time in Charleston, 11th. The audience, though small, seemed well pleased with the performance, and Mr. McAvoy and Lillian Chambers were called before the curtain at the close of the second act. Ford's Sensible Opera co. opened a week's engagement, 12th, with Robinson Crusoe. Only fair business. Owing to some unsettling the arrangement of the cast had to be changed, and the opera was not so well given as usual. Still, the choruses were well sung, and the audience seemed to enjoy the condition. Cinderella was sung to a small audience, 14th. The opera was rendered in the usual style that met Pinafore Girl. Nell Gwynne, 15th, to fair business. The acting of George Denham as the Beadle was enthusiastically applauded. Zelda Seguin is a charming actress, with a fine contralto voice. She gave Nell Gwynne in fine style. Cinderella was repeated, 17th, at matinee and evening, to good business.

Items: Barney McAvoy was ailing while in Charleston, but did not fail to meet his stage engagements, although it was with much difficulty that he went through his work. Night of 10th he was several times on the verge of swooning.

COLUMBIA.

Opera House (Eugene Cramer, manager): The Sea of Ice was given here, 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th, under the supervision of the manager, with elaborate scenery painted expressly for the piece. The costuming was furnished by Cohen and Co., New York. The following professionals were on the cast: Eugene Cramer as Belmonte, May Lovell as Ogarita, and Mrs. Cramer as Madam ——. The rest of the cast by the best amateurs of the city. The house was packed at each performance.

TENNESSEE.

MEMPHIS.

Leubrie Theatre (Joseph Brooks, manager): Lizzie May Ulmer as Dad's Girl, 10th, 11th, 12th, to only fair business. Company in support very good. Lillian Brown's Jollities, which were booked for last three nights of week, cancelled at last moment.

People's Theatre (Harry Walker, manager): Attractions same as last week, with addition of May Smith, Lizzie Winden and Quartettes.

Item: At session of Elks last Sunday night, Harry Walker was presented with a diamond pin as testimonial for the interest he has taken in the lodge since its organization.

PULASKI.

Our town has just been visited by one of the most charming little actresses now travelling—Patti Rosa—who came like a thrilling steam of delicious music, that set the blood to tingling, the nerves to quivering, and the feet to dancing. She burst upon the audience like a gushing, streaming headlight of merriment, that never lost its brilliancy from first to last. The support was excellent. C. W. Lester and E. L. Williams are deserving of special mention. Notwithstanding that the performance was cut short, the large audience were loud in praises. We had Bella Moore in A Mountain Pink, 24th. Another bright light.

CHATTANOOGA

James Hall (Stamps Brothers, managers): W. A. Mestayer in We, Us & Co., 12th; did a fair business. T. P. W. Minstrels, 8th; had a very small audience. Fanny Louise Buckingham in Mazeppa, 14th, to a good house. B. McAuley, 20th.

COLUMBIA.

Grand Opera House (H. P. Seavy, manager): John Rickaby's co. in Pavements of Paris 12th, to a good house. This is one of the best scenic dramas seen here this season.

TEXAS.

AUSTIN.

Millett's Opera House (F. Millett, manager): C. B. Bishop, appeared 10th in his new play, A Case of Wine, by Charles H. Hoyt, author of A Bunch of Keys, Rag Baby, etc., before a discouragingly-small and disappointed audience. The work is intended as a political satire, but is without pith, point or plot, and falls far short of the former efforts of Mr. Hoyt. The story is as follows: A wealthy and quiet-loving old cattleman of Idaho, Elijah Cassard, Sr., is elected to Congress during his absence from home, and, much against his will, he positively refuses to accept, but is forced to yield by his constituents at the muzzles of shotguns. After reaching Washington he is set upon by lobbyists and other political engineers, most prominent among whom are the gentler sex. The seeming disinterested attentions of the latter completely enthral the old man. He becomes so infatuated with Washington that he comes to the conclusion that the life of a Congressman is the zenith of happiness. He attempts to secure a big appropriation to improve Goose Creek—a narrow and shallow stream—which brings a committee of his constituents to Washington to look into the matter. While there the noisy Honorable dines and wines them, thereby squelching their former ideas as to his inability and misrepresentation of their interests. They go home thoroughly imbued with the idea that Cassard is the greatest statesman living. The play is interspersed with numerous political hits, songs, sketches, etc., making a conglomeration of eccentricities, but not of sufficient weight to enable the work to be called a first class production. Mr. Bishop, as Elijah Cassard, Sr., made the most of his part, but there was little in it to catch public favor. The other members of the co. creditably performed their parts, but no opportunity was given them to display any marked talent or ability. On Tuesday evening, there being only fifteen or twenty people in the house, no performance was given. This in part, however, was due to the inclement weather, rain setting in at noon and continuing steadily until midnight. Following is the cast of A Case of Wine:

Elijah Cassard, Sr.	C. B. Bishop
Elijah Cassard, Jr.	Charles J. Bishop
Hon. J. Cook, Esq., political boss	Eugene Ulrich
Dan Maguire, politician	W. Brown
Jack McClutcher	L. M. Martel
Lieutenant Arthur Boyton, U. S. A.	Clark Earl
Duke Marble, Esq., lobbyist	Charles Hopper
Col. Ebenezer Pegore, U. S. A. (retired)	Chas. Dick
Colonel Tom Woodcutter, M. C.	Clark Earl
Buccephalus Moriarty, colored waiter	Master Charles Reamer
Dave Hastin, New York, politicians	H. Ogden W. C. Gaston
Miss Essie Sparks, female lobbyist	Keegan Tilton
Mrs. Elijah Cassard	Mrs. M. E. Bradshaw
Eugenie Cassard	Kitty Dunbar
Mrs. Aurelia Pepper, female suffragist	Lillian Parker

The Sammy Rye, 10th and 12th, to good houses. Excellent performance. Seventy the finest seen this season.

GALVESTON.

Tremont Opera House (H. Greenwald, manager): Lilly Clay's Troupe of Ladies Only appeared 6th before a large house. An Adamless Eden is almost beyond the pale of criticism. If there be any grievous sores in it it would take Sam Weller's double-extra-million magnifying glass to discover it. The ladies, of course, were attired in their usual skins, to which circumstance may be attributed the pronounced plurality of elderly females and females without the partners of their joys and sorrows. Geo. Williams opened a four nights' engagement 9th with One of the Finest. The warmth of his reception demonstrated that the luster of his reputation has not dimmed. The rush of incident and sequence of events in One of the Finest would, perhaps, astonish a staid orthodox calendar, but still it was agreeable trifle that makes a convenient setting for the gems of Mr. Williams' specialties.

TYLER.

Albertson's Opera House (H. Albertson, manager): Only a Woman's Heart co., 7th. Despite political excitement fair business was done. The play was voted a success. Newton Beers, as Roger, the Tramp, was the feature of the performance. The success of the play has been phenomenal throughout Texas. Bread Upon the Waters, next.

Item: The little dog belonging to Newton Beers died while in this city. He was a valuable animal, having been trained as the companion of Roger, the Tramp. The Mirror correspondent returns thanks to Mr. Beers for favors.

Arena: S. H. Barrett's circus gave two entertainments on 5th to very good business. The Atlantic and Pacific Circus is billed for 21st.

DALLAS.

Opera House (Charles Boston, manager): Rooney Bros., 7th and 8th, to light houses. Too much election. Thomas W. Keene presented Richard III., Hamlet and Othello, 10th, 11th and 12th, to good houses.

FORT WORTH.

Fort Worth Opera House (Geo. Charles Boston, manager): Thomas W. Keene appeared 9th and 10th in Hamlet, Othello, and Romeo and Juliet. The excitement attendant on the uncertainty of the election kept the majority of the people at the bulletin boards, and, as consequence, the magnificent did not draw as well as was anticipated or as he deserved. His Hamlet was the most finished production of the three performances, and a decided improvement on his interpretation of that role last year. The representation of the prince Dane was good. As the oldest Roscius he was ever advanced. His support is below the standard, if we except Constance Hamilton. Tony Denier's Humpty Dumpty, with its ne'er-to-be-forgotten oddities and its introduction of specialties, delighted a full house, 12th.

VIRGINIA.

LYNCHBURG.

Opera House (T. H. Simpson, manager): Fanny McAuley, 7th, good house. The star was too much "how come you so" for the justice of the Jeffersonian. People in this section of the district don't want—must have—acting mixed with too much "heart-throb." Fanny Louise Buckingham, under J. F. Ford's management, opened to Monday 6th, to good house. Rest of week, French spy, and Seven Sisters, to light business. Miss Buckingham was capable; support only so-so. Bench of Keys (Fiona Moore), 11th; good business considering political excitement.

RICHMOND.

Theatre (W. T. Powell, manager): Lewenod was produced 13th, 14th and 15th, with Maude Granger and Constance Lovick in the leading roles. The house was crowded every night. The Wilbur Opera co. begins an engagement of four nights on the 24th.

Items: Museum: Haven Opera co. closed a very successful engagement of two weeks, 13th. Arno Walker's Dramatic co. in The Two Orphans opens 17th, for one week.

PETERSBURG.

Academy of Music (John P. Ege, manager): Fiona Moore's Bench of Keys co. delighted a large audience 13th.

Item: The new Variety Hall is rapidly approaching completion. It will be opened Dec. 1.

DANVILLE.

Pace's Opera House (Ellyson Brothers, managers): Fiona Moore's Bench of Keys played to small houses 11th.

Items: Fiona Moore, while in Columbia, S. C., bought the noted parrot, "Joe," for the sum of $100. The parrot talks very plainly and fluently.

WEST VIRGINIA.

WHEELING.

Opera House (W. S. Foose, manager): Leavitt's Star Specialty, 9th, to very good business. Two Johns co., 11th and 12th, to good houses. Kept their audience in laughter all evening. Hyde and Behman's Minstrels for two performances, matinee and night of 13th, to a crowded house at both performances. Hanlon's, 17th and 18th.

Academy of Music (Charley Shay, manager): Professor Granger, an Exposer of Spiritualism, appeared this week for three performances to good houses. Ferrini's Boston Opera co., 24th, week.

PARKERSBURG.

Academy of Music (M. C. Van Winkle, manager): The Two Johns played to a good house, 13th. The play, with its many amusing and laughable incidents, holds its deserved reputation. The Johns, Stewart and Hart, kept the audience in wild applause the entire evening. Mr. Rush added to the worth of the play as the policeman and head waiter. Peter Rice completes the Big Four. All these gentlemen are jolly, good-natured fellows.

Items: John Hart is acquainted in this place, and was in tow of one of the old boys.—At the depot we saw Uncle Dan Rice making himself at home with the boys of the "profession." He was going with them to Marietta to see the show. He will be back here Saturday evening to lecture.—As the west bound train pulled up at the depot, there was more of it; a part of Robinson's Circus co. going home. It did not take long for them to recognize one another, and handshaking was in order.—Creede is the next, on the 20th, and Bella Moore (one of Parkersburg's fave.) first, Dec. 8.

WISCONSIN.

MILWAUKEE.

Grand Opera House (R. L. Marsh, manager): Edgewood Folks was presented by Sol Smith Russell at matinee and evening performance on the 9th to fair business. The Edgewood season closed here. Mr. Russell and several of the troupe left next day for Boston, where they appear in The Private Secretary. Called Back was presented for the first time in Milwaukee, 10th, by the Madison Square co. The play is the best and the co. the strongest that has appeared here this season. Robert B. Mantell as Gilbert Vaughn gives a strong, manly representation, and was heartily encored. C. S. Stockton was rather disappointing as Dr. Cruett, having no opportunity to show what he could do until the prison scene in the fourth act, when he was called before the curtain. The part of Paulo Marani was excellently taken by W. J. Ferguson. To those who have seen this gentleman in the role cast of the Duke, his acting as the Spy was a revelation. His every look, every gesture, every movement is studied, and really so carries off the honors of the co. Miss Millward proved herself to be a capable actress, and played Pauline well. Marie Burroughs as Mary has little to do, but does that little with an easy grace that is very acceptable. The young lady has one of the sweetest fac s that has appeared in Milwaukee in some time. The stage setting was, as usual, excellent.

Academy of Music (Harry Deakin, manager): Zozo, the Magic Queen, was to have received its initial presentation in this city on the 7th, but owing to very rough weather were unable to cross the lake, and did not arrive here until the 8th. When one has said that the scenery is magnificent, the contortions of Alfred Horian wonderful, and the girls pretty, one has said all that can truthfully be said about it. In the dialogue or action of the piece there is nothing worth mentioning. Devil's Auction week of 17th.

Items: The usual variety performance has been drawing good houses at Stanley's. Harry Montague's Comedy co. in The Dude, week of 17th.—Charles R. Gardiner was in the city with the Zozo co.—The Barnum Band, and Hall and Harry's Specialty co. are

W. H. Lytell to manage. Mr. Lytell is a great favorite here. Nothing announced in the near future.

ROCKVILLE.

Opera House (George T. Pollard, manager): Joseph Murphy in Shaun Rhue, 10th, to a fine house. Every seat sold in advance. Agnes Wallace Villa co., 17th and 18th.

TORONTO.

Grand Opera House (H. R. Sheppard, manager): The Rhea week was a failure. The Mac opened 24th, to Vernor, to a small house. The audiences did not improve to any great extent during the week. It is said Manager Sheppard will be the sufferer, he having purchased the week's business for Murphy, to Kerry Gow and Shaun Rhue, week of 10th.

People's Theater (Alfred Fisher, manager): House did not open week of 27th, as announced. Billed for 9th, four nights, Haworth's Hibernians.

HALIFAX.

Academy of Music (H. D. Clarke, manager): John Murray opened, 24th, to Big Van Winkle, to a large audience. He gave but a fair rendition of the character, and his support was weak, many of them appearing to be rather intoxicated. The co. include F. P. Sullivan, Frank Frawley, T. W. Gerrow, James F. Jackson, Edward Page, James M. Cauldwell, T. W. Clark, Jennette Howell, Marie Jackson, Joseph Lane and Gwynne Cushman. The impression made by the co. on the first appearance had a depressing effect on the attendance during the remainder of the week, during which time Cumberland Hook, London by Night (a version of Oliver Twist) and Chimney Corner were presented.

Lyceum (Robert Clancy, agent): This building has been leased by George Hunter, of Montreal, who believes that he will be able to keep it open ten months out of the twelve by giving good entertainments at cheap prices. New scenery is being painted by Limberg and Jones, twice seven artists and other improvements are being made. The opening under the new management will be on the 19th, when the co. will include Stanley Brothers, Webster and Kennedy, Fannie and Frank Carlton, Pauline Alonzo and Professor Herman.

HAMILTON.

Grand Opera House (J. M. Lathrop, manager): With the exception of a local entertainment, Joseph Murphy was the only attraction during the week. The old repertoire, which proved so attractive on the past, was again equal to the occasion and drew very large audiences, 24th and 25th, and matinee. Shaun Rhue, 27th and 28th.

DATES AHEAD.

Managers of travelling combinations will favor us by sending every week advance dates, and mailing the same in time to reach us on Monday.

DRAMATIC COMPANIES.

A Mountain Pink Co. (Belle Mowry): Lebanon, Tenn., 29; Gallatin, 31; Bowling Green, Ky., 22; Danville, 24; Richmond, 25; Mt. Sterling, 26; Charleston, W. Va., 27, 28; Ashland, Ky., 29; Gallipolis, O., Dec. 1; Jackson, Mich., 3; Ironton, O., 4; Portsmouth, 5; Marietta, 6; Parkersburg, W. Va., 8th; Athens, O., 9; Chillicothe, 10; Lancaster, 11; Zanesville, 12; Mt. Vernon, 13; Newark, 15; Mansfield, 16; Ashland, 17; Marion, 18; Massillon, 20; Canton, 21; Akron, 22; Youngstown, 23, 24.

A Mountain Pink (Laura E. Dainty): Fort Wayne, Ind., 29; Adrian, Mich., 31; Coldwater, 22; Lansing, 24; Flint, 25; Ypsilanti, 26; Detroit, 27, 28, 29.

Abbey: Philadelphia, 17, week; Dayton, O., 27, 28.

Abbey Wallace-Villa: Brockville, Ont., 20.

Abbe Wallace Co: Richmond, Va., 27, week.

Atkinson's Bad Boy Co. No. 1: Portsmouth, N. H., 29; Farmington, 31.

Atkinson's Bad Boy Co. No. 2: Harrisburg, Pa., 29; Lebanon, 31; Pottsville, 22; Mahanoy City, 24; Ashland, 25; Lewisburg, 26; Bloomsburg, 28; Danville, 29.

An Absentee Elopement Co: Memphis, Tenn., 29; Paducah, Ky., 31; Cairo, Ill., 22; Chicago, 24, week; Milwaukee, Dec. 1, week.

Alf Wyman: Ft. Wayne, Ind., 21, 22; Huntington, 24, 25; Peru, 26, 29; Crawfordsville, Dec. 20, 21; Brazil, 23, 26; Sullivan, 29, 30; Vincennes, 22, 23.

Baker and Farron: Dunkirk, N. Y., 29; Erie, Pa., 31; Youngstown, O., 22; Cleveland, 24, week.

Bartley Campbell's White Slave Co.: Sandusky, O., 29; Akron, 31; Newcastle, Pa., 22; Pittsburg, 24, week; Brooklyn, Dec. 1, week; Williamsburg, 8, week; rest, 15, week.

Bartley Campbell's Separation Co.: Rochester, 29, 31, 22; Buffalo, 24, week; Cleveland, Dec. 1, week; Cincinnati, 8, week.

Bartley Campbell's Siberia Co.: Cincinnati, 17, week; Chicago, 24, week; E. Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 1 and 2; Grand Rapids, 3, 4, 5, 6; Columbus, O., 8, week; rest, 15, week; Louisville, 22, week; St. Louis, 29, week; Kansas City, Jan. 2, week.

Booth and Dickson's La Chambreuse Co.: Louisville, 17, week; Cincinnati, 24, week; Indianapolis, Dec. 1, 2, 3; Terre Haute, 4, 5; Evansville, 6; St. Louis, 8, week.

Bosse and Perdue's Pleasure Party: Fair Haven, Vt., 29; Orwville, 31; Ticonderoga, N. Y., 22; Crown Point, 24; Port Henry, 25; Keeseville, 26; Burlington, Vt., 27; Champlain, N. Y., 28; Plattsburg, 29; Malone, Dec. 1; Canton, 2; Gouverneur, 3; Potsdam, 4; Brownville, 5; Theresa, 6; Louisville, 8.

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Bess Dare Co.: Leavenworth, Kan., 29, 30; Atchison, 31, 22; Council Bluffs, 24, 25; Omaha, 26, 27; Des Moines, 28, 29; Chicago, Dec. 1, two weeks.

Boston Theatre Youth Co.: Portland, Me., 29; Haverhill, Mass., 31; Fall River, 26, 27.

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Barney McAvery: Chattanooga, Tenn., 29; Huntsville, Ala., 31; Columbia, Tenn., 22; Lexington, Ky., 24, 25; Frankfort, 26; Louisville, 27, 28, 29; Indianapolis, Ind., 30, 31.

Clara Morris: Detroit, 29, 31, 22.

Cameron's Banker's Daughter Co.: Gadsden, Ala., 31; Chattanooga, 22; Knoxville, 24, 25; Murfreesboro, 26; Columbia, 27; Nashville, 28, 29; Clarksville, Dec. 1; Hopkinsville, Ky., 2; Henderson, 3; Owensboro, 4; Paducah, 5; Cairo, Ill., 6; Hot Springs, 11, 12.

Charlotte Thompson: N. Y. City, Dec. 8, two weeks.

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Carmen Sylvia: New Orleans, 29, week; Nashville, 24, 25, 26; Memphis, 27, 28, 29; Little Rock, Dec. 1, 2; Hot Springs, 3, 4, 5; Shreveport, La., 6; Galveston, Tex., 7, 8, 9; Houston, 11, 12, 13; San Antonio, 14, 15, 16.

Callen Bush Co. (R. B. Mantell): Washington, 17, week; Brooklyn, 24, week.

Carmen of London: Baltimore, 17, week.

C. L. Davis: Syracuse, 24, 25; Seneca Falls, 24; Auburn, 25; Utica, 27.

Castleton's Uncle Tom Co.: New Castle, Pa., 29.

D. H. Harkins: N. Y. City, Nov. 24.

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Dockstader and Dickson's La Chambreuse Co.: Louisville, 17, week; Cincinnati, 24, week; Indianapolis, Dec. 1, 2, 3; Terre Haute, 4, 5; Evansville, 6; St. Louis, 8, week.

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Daniel Bandmann: Albany, 17, week.

Daisy-Rice Burlesque Co: N. Y. City, Sept. 4—indefinite season.

Dickson's Novelty Co.: Bloomington, Ill., 21, 22.

Duncan Thompson: Warren, Pa., 29; Jamestown, N. Y., 31; Olean, 22; Hornellsville, 24; Corning, 25; Owego, 26; Elmira, 27; Scranton, Pa., 28; Wilkesbarre, 29; Danville, Dec. 1; Williamsport, 2; Bellefonte, 3; Johnstown, 5; Huntington, 6; Harrisburg, 8; Columbia, 9; Lancaster, 10; Reading, 11; Allentown, 12; Easton, 13; Red Bank, N. J., 15; Stamford, Ct., 16; Williamantic, 17; Norwich, 18; New London, 19; Pawtucket, R. I., 20.

Davis's Accident: Milwaukee, 17, week; Louisville, 24, week; Cincinnati, Dec. 1, week; Detroit, 8, week; Pittsburg, 15, week; Philadelphia, 22, week.

Dan Sully's Comedy Company (F. H. Easter, mgr.): St. Joseph, Mo., 29; Topeka, 31, 22; Terre Haute, Ind., 24; Lafayette, 25; Dayton, O., 26; Columbus, 27, 28, 29; Cleveland, Dec. 1, week; Cincinnati, 8, week; Chicago, 15, week.

Daly Vacation Co.: Lawrence, Mass., 29; Newport, 31; Waltham, 22; Chicago, 24; Haverhill, 25; Lowell, Brockton, 27; Chicago, 28; Pittsfield, 29.

Davenport's People's Comedy Co.: Kingston, N. Y., 17, week.

Deaves's Uncle Tom Co.: Louisiana, Mo., 29.

Emma Foster: Boston Nov. 17, four weeks.

Evans and Hoey: Williamsburg, 17, week; Buffalo, 24, week.

Ezra Cowdry Co.: Alexandria, Dak. Terr., 24, week; Parker, Dec. 1, week.

Louis Clifford's Co.: Emporia, Kas., 24, week.

E. L. Walton: Johnstown, N. Y., 29; Rhue, 31; Watertown, 22, Oswego, 24.

Ezra Dunstable Co.: Frankfort, Ind., 17, week.

Fanny Davenport: N. Y. City, 26, five weeks; Philadelphia, Jan. 5, two weeks.

Frank Mayo: Louisville, 17, week; Vincennes, Ind., 24; Terre Haute, 25; Dayton, 26; Springfield, 27; Columbus, 28; Richmond, Ind., 29; Columbus, Dec. 1, 2, 3.

Fitzgerald: Lowell, Mass., 27; Montreal, 24, week; N. Y. City, Dec. 1, two weeks; Brooklyn, 15, week; Poughkeepsie, 22; Hudson, 23; Albany, 24, 25, 26, 27; Rutland, 28, 29, week; Washington, Jan. 5, week; Philadelphia, 12, week.

F. W. Gerrish's U. T. Co.: St. Paul, Minn., 27, week; Minneapolis, 28, week; Lansing, Ia., Dec. 1, week; Cedar Rapids, 8, week.

Fannie Louise Buckingham: Savannah, Ga., 20, 21, 22; Charleston, 24, 25, 26.

Fiske Warren: Dallas, Tex., 29, 30; Gainesville, 31; Paris, 22, 23; Texarkana, 24; Hot Springs, Ark., 25; Camden, 26, 27, 28; Pulaski, Tenn., 29, week.

Fiske Mayer: Rockford, Mass., 27, week.

Grace Hawthorne: St. Louis, Mo., 27, week.

Geo Wessels (H. H. Robb, manager): New Orleans, 17, week; Mobile, Ala., 24; Pensacola, 25; Montgomery, 26; Birmingham, 27; Atlanta, Ga., 28, 29; Macon, Dec. 1; Savannah, 2, 3; Charleston, 4, 5, 6; Augusta, Ga., 8; Columbia, S. C., 9; Wilmington, N. C., 10; Goldsboro, 11; Norfolk, Va., 12, 13; Richmond, 15, 16; Hagerstown, Md., 17; Wilmington, Del., 18; Orange, N. J., 19; Paterson, 20; New York City, 22, week; Brooklyn, 29, week.

Gilmore Masterpiece: Louisville, Ky., 17, week.

Gilmore's Musical Canvas: Montreal, 24, three weeks.

Georgia C. Mack: San Jose, Cal., 17, 18; Stockton, 19; Sacramento, 20, 21, 22; Reno, Nev., 24; Carson, 25; Virginia, 26; Elko, 27; Ogden, Utah, 28, 29; Salt Lake, Dec. 1, 2, 3; Laramie, W. T., 4; Cheyenne, 5, 6; Laverty's Col., 8; Ft. Collins, 9; Boulder, 10; Central City, 11, 12; Georgetown, 13; Colorado Springs, 15; Pueblo, 16; Salida, 17; Leadville, 18, 19, 20; Denver, 22, week.

Gill and Artuce's Comedy Co.: Troy, N. Y., Dec. 1, 2, 3, 4; Auburn, 5; Syracuse, 6, 8.

Gannon Co.: Salt Lake City, 20, 21, 22; Butte City, Mont., 24, week.

Gorman's Comedy Co. (Smith, Cronin, etc.): Chicago, Dec. 1, week; Brooklyn, 15, week.

Hannigan and Hoey's Travelling Co.: Trenton, N. J., 22; Philadelphia, 24, week.

Hill's People's Theatre Co.: Auburn, Nov. 20, three weeks; Canandaigua, Dec. 1, week.

Haverly's Lafayette, Ind., 22; Logansport, 23; Richmond, 24; Springfield, O., 25; Columbus, 26, 27; Wheeling, W. Va., 28, 29; Akron, O., Dec. 1; Youngstown, 2; McKeesport, Pa., 3; Newcastle, 4; Erie, 5, 6; Buffalo, 8, 9, 10; Cleveland, 11, 12, 13; Pittsburg, 15, week; Baltimore, 22, week; Washington, 29, week.

Harrison-Gourlay Co.: Pittsburg, 17, week; Jackson, Mich., 24; Toledo, O., 25; Adrian, Mich., 26; Detroit, 27, 28, 29; N. Y. City, Dec. 1, week.

Hilliard's Dixie Combin.: Jackson, Mich., 27, week.

Hazel Kirke: Evansville, Ind., 29; Terre Haute, 31; Bloomington, Ill., 22; Danville, 24; Champaign, 25; Decatur, 26; Bloomington, 27; Streator, 28; Joliet, 29; Ottawa, Dec. 1.

Henry Irving: N. Y. City, Nov. 20, four weeks; Philadelphia, Dec. 18, two weeks; Pittsburg, 29, week; Cleveland, 29, 30; Detroit, Jan. 2, 3; Chicago, 6, four weeks; Washington, Feb. 2, week; Philadelphia, 9, week; Boston, 16, two weeks; Brooklyn, March 2, week; N. Y. City, March 9, four weeks—close.

Haverly's Fantasma Co.: N. Y. City, Nov. 20, five weeks.

Haverly Opera Co.: Washington, D. C., Nov. 20, 22; Louisville, Ky., 24, 2 weeks.

Harry T. Chanfrau: Brockton, Mass., 20; Milford, 21; Duxbury, Ct., 22.

Hoyt of Gold Co.: Boston, 17, week; Worcester, Mass., 24; Springfield, 25; Greenfield, 26; Troy, N. Y., 27, 28, 29; Albany, Dec. 1, 2; Saratoga, 3; Amsterdam, 4; Utica, 5, 6.

Hazel's Heart of Oak: Taunton, Mass., 29; Worcester, 31; Fitchburg, 24; Keene, N. H., 25; Manchester, 26; Lynn, Mass., 27; Salem, 28; Lawrence, 29; Brockton, Dec. 1, week.

Hoe Attachment Co.: N. Y. City, 17, week; Philadelphia, 24, week.

Huntley's Dramatic Co.: Columbus, Ga., 22, 23; St. Augustine, 24, 25; Palatka, 26, 27; Sanford, 28, 29; Orlando, Dec. 1, 2, 3; Tampa, 4, 5, 6; Cedar Keys, 8, 9; Gainesville, 20, 21.

In the Ranks Co.: Troy, 20, 21, 22; Brooklyn, 24, week.

Ivanhoe Co.: Montreal, 17, week; Hartford, Ct., 24, 25; New Britain, 26; N. Attleboro, Mass., 27; New London, Ct., 28; Norwich, 29.

J. K. Emmet: Baltimore, 17, week; Philadelphia, 24, week.

James: Washington, 17, week; Baltimore, 24, week; Brooklyn, Dec. 15, week; Louisville, 22, week; Chicago, Jan. 5, week; St. Louis, 12, week.

J. B. Studley: Harlem, N. Y. City, 24, week.

Joseph Murphy: Toronto, 29, week; Detroit, Mich., 24, 25, 26; Toledo, O., 27, 28; Lafayette, Ind., 29; St. Louis, Dec. 1, week.

John S. Murphy (Kerry Gow): Warren, O., 29; Youngstown, 31; Alliance, 22; Canton, 24; Massillon, 25; Ravenna, 26; Akron, 27; Newark, Dec. 3.

Jefferson Ridley: Columbus, O., 21, 22.

John T. Raymond: Philadelphia, 17, week; Pittsburg, 24, week; Washington, Dec. 1, week.

John A. Stevens: Philadelphia, 17, week.

Joseph Jefferson: Allentown, Pa., 20; Wilmington, Del., 21; York, Pa., 22; Baltimore, 24, week; Philadelphia, Dec. 2, week; Washington, 8, week—close.

Jacques Kruger (Dramas): Denver, 17, week; Topeka, 24; Atchison, 25; Lincoln, Neb., 26; Council Bluffs, Ia., 27; Des Moines, 28, 29; Burlington, Dec. 2.

Katie Putnam: Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 24, 25; Pine Bluffs, 26, 27; Hot Springs, 28, 29.

Knights (Mr. and Mrs. George S.): Williamsport, Pa., 23.

Kate Clanton: Potteville, 20; Reading, 21; Easton, 22; Williamsburg, 24, week; Pittsburg, Dec. 1, week.

Katie Putnam: Memphis, 20, 21, 22.

Kiralfys' Siesta: Philadelphia, 20, two weeks; Washington, 27, week.

Kiralfys' Excelsior: Cleveland, 17, week; Philadelphia, 24, week.

Kittie Rhoades: Sumter, S. C., 29, 30, 21; Columbia, 22.

Lancelles and Rooney: Catskill, N. Y., 20, 21, 22.

Lillian Olcott: Montgomery, Ala., 21, 22; Huntsville, 23, 24; Chattanooga, 27; Murfreesboro, 28; Hopkinsville, 29; Louisville, Dec. 1, 2, 3; Indianapolis, 4, 5, 6; Danville, Ill., 8; Jacksonville, 9; Little Rock, Ark., 11, 12; Pine Bluff, 13; Hot Springs, 15, 16, 17; Texarkana, 18; Jefferson, Tex., 19; Marshall, 20; Shreveport, La., 22, 23, 24; Marshall, Tex., 25, 26.

Lawrence Barrett: Chicago, 17, three weeks; Baltimore, Dec. 8.

Lights o' London (Eastern): Poughkeepsie, 29, 30; Cohoes, 31.

Lights o' London (Western): Detroit, 17, week; Chicago, 24, week; Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 1, 2.

Lyndwood Co.: Holyoke, Mass., 20; Northampton, 21; Springfield, 22; Lawrence, 24; Worcester, 26, 27; Woodstock, 28; Bridgeport, 29, Dec. 1, three weeks.

Lizzie May Ulmer: Lexington, Ky., 21; Frankfort, 22; Louisville, 24, 25, 26; St. Louis, Dec. 1, week; Chicago, 8, week.

Lizzie Evans: Winnipeg, 20; Duluth, 23, 25, 29; St. Paul, Dec. 1, 2, 3; Minneapolis, 4, 5.

Lillian Brown's Jollities: Jackson, Miss., 24, 25; New Orleans, 24, week.

Louis Aldrich (My Partner): Terre Haute, Ind., 20; Danville, Ill., 21; Lafayette, 22; Chicago, 24, week; Logansport, Ind., Dec. 1; Fort Wayne, 2; Richmond, 3; Louisville, 4, 5, 6.

Louise Silvertine: Keokuk, Ia., 20; Burlington, 21, 22; Muscatine, 24; Iowa City, 25; Cedar Rapids, 26, 27, 28; Davenport, 29; Rock Island, Ill., Dec. 1, 2; Moline, 3; Dubuque, Ia., 4, 5; Waterloo, 6; Marshalltown, 8; Des Moines, 9, 10; Monmouth, Ill., 11; Dixon, 12; Ottawa, 13; Aurora, 20, 21; Elgin, 24; Freeport, 25, 26; Kankakee, 27; Michigan City, Ind., 29.

Lotta: Boston, Nov. 22, four weeks.

Louise Pomeroy: Jersey City, 21, 22; Brockton, Mass., Dec. 2.

Litter's Woman Co.: Tunkhannock, Pa., 20; Pittston, 22; Wilkesbarre, 22.

Leavitt's: Brooklyn, 17, week; Boston, 24, week; Manchester, N. H., Dec. 1; Brockton, Mass., 2.

Lena Ashley: Shenandoah, Pa., 20, 21; Mt. Carmel, 22, 23; Philipsburg, 24, 25; Lock Haven, 26; Williamsport, 27; Tuscarora, 28, 29.

M. B. Curtis: Brooklyn, 17, week; Williamsburg, 24, week; Hudson, Dec. 1; Troy, 2, 3; Newark, N. J., 4, 5, 6.

Mr. and Mrs. McKee Rankin: Williamsburg, 17, week.

May Blossom: Montgomery, Ala., 20; Mobile, 21, 22; New Orleans, 24, week; Memphis, Dec. 1, 2, 3; Nashville, 4, 5, 6; Chicago, 8, week.

Mann's Gil. Bl's Country Co.: Richmond, Va., 24, week.

Milton Nobles: Colorado Springs, 21; Salida, 22; Leadville, 24 to 29; Pueblo, 30; Denver (Tabor), Dec. 1, week; Omaha, 8.

Minnie Maddern: St. Louis, 17, week; Evansville, Ind., 24; Vincennes, 25; Danville, Ill., 26; Lafayette, Ind., 27; Crawfordsville, 28; Dayton, O., 29; Baltimore, Dec. 1, week; N. Y. City, 8, two weeks.

Monte Cristo Co. (Stetson's): N. Y. City, 17, two weeks; Brooklyn, Dec. 1, week.

Margaret Mather: Kansas City, 20, 21, 22; St. Louis, St. Joe, Mo., 22.

Martin Vickers: Council Bluffs, Ia., 20; Creston, 21, Kansas City, 24, week; Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 1; Omaha, 2, 3; Des Moines, Ia., 4, 5; Ottumwa, 6; St. Louis, 8, week; Louisville, 15, week; Cincinnati, 22 two weeks.

Mattie Williams: Newport, Ark., 20, week.

Michael Strogoff Co.: Omaha, 29, 30; Lincoln, 31, 22; Denver, 24, week; Kansas City, Dec. 1, week.

Morgan's Lyceum Co.: Geneva, N. Y., 23; Watkins, 24; Bradford, Pa., 24; Olean, N. Y., 25; Jamestown, 26; Warren, Pa., 27; Corry, 28; Lockport, 29.

Mestayer's Tourists: Cincinnati, 17, week; Dayton, O., 24, 25; Louisville, 27; Indianapolis, 28, 29; St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 22, 23.

Mayde Atchison Co.: Clay Center, Kan., 20, 21, 22.

N. C. Goodwin: Chicago, 17, week; St. Louis, 24, week; Louisville, Dec. 1, week; Cincinnati, 8, week; Hayden, 15, 16; Mansfield, 22; Akron, 23; Brooklyn, 22, week.

Neil Burgess: Galveston, 20, 21, 22; Brenham, 24; Austin, 25, 26; San Antonio, 27, 28; New Orleans, Dec. 1, week; Mobile, Ala., 8; Pensacola, Fla., 9; Montgomery, Ala., 10; Birmingham, 11; Chattanooga, Tenn., 13; Rome, Ga., 15.

Nelson Comedy Co.: Columbus, O., 29, 30; Mansfield, 31; Cant 22, 23; New Bremen, 24.

Nelson's Colonial Co.: Bradford, Pa., 20; Franklin, 21; Titusville, 22; Sharon, 24; Youngstown, 25, 26; Akron, 27; Canton, 28; Mansfield, 29; Urbana, 30; Cincinnati, Dec. 1, week; Richmond, Ind., 8; Fort Wayne, 9; Lafayette, 10; Logansport, 11; Terre Haute, 12; Evansville, 13; St. Louis, 15, week.

Norris & Rivers Bros.: Cowboy Co.: Little Rock, Ark., 21, 22; Pine Bluffs, 23; Hope, 24; Texarkana, 25; Paris, Tex., 26.

Novelty Specialty Co.: Philadelphia, 17, week.

Ohio & Western Relief Co. (Newton Bros.): Joplin, Mo., 20; Webber City, 21; Ft. Scott, Kan., 22; Nevada, Mo., 24; Lamar, 25; Carthage, 26; N. Springfield, 27; Rich Hill, 28; Butler, 29; Warrensburg, Dec. 1; Washington, 2; Clary, Ill., 3; Washington, Ind., 4; Louisville, 5, 6; Rockville, Ind., 8; Greencastle, 9, 10; Piqua, 11; Toledo, 12, 13; Nevada, 15; Carmen, 16; Boston, 17; Cleveland, 18; Clyde, 19; Newark, 20.

Oscar & Fannie's Specialty Co. (Joseph Pearl, manager): Chicago, 17, week; Joliet, Ill., 24; Pontiac, 25; Atlanta, 26; Springfield, 27; Jacksonville, 28; Alton, 29; St. Louis, Dec. 1, week; Vandalia, Ill., 2; Hougham, 3; Montebello, 4; Clinton, 5; Muncie, 6; Decatur, 8; Chicago, 15, week.

Oliver Doud Byron: New York, 17, week; Brooklyn, 24, week.

Out to Elliott Co.: Philadelphia, 17, week.

Pitt Rose (Murphy): Milwaukee, 21, 22, 23; Muskegon, Mich., 25; Big Rapids, 26; Grand Rapids, 27, 28, 29.

Private Secretary Co. (Gillette's): Cincinnati, 17, week; Louisville, 24, week.

Private Secretary Co. (H. M. Pitt): Nashville, 20, 21, 22.

Private Secretary Co. No. 2: San Francisco, 20, four weeks.

Pauline Hall Co.: Rutland, Vt., 20, 21; Williamsburg, 24, week.

Pavements of Paris Co.: Louisville, 17, week; Cincinnati, 24, week.

Power of Money Co.: Lancaster, Pa., 21; Williamsport, 22; Baltimore, 24, week; Wilmington, Del., Dec. 1, 2.

Proctor's Theatre Co.: Hartford, Ct., 20, two weeks.

Plaster's Wife Co. (Edna Carey): Ottumwa, Ia., 20; Hannibal, Mo., 21; Keokuk, Ia., 22; Burlington, 23; Peoria, 24, 25; Rock Island, 26.

Queens Co. (Tillotson and Williams): Newark, O., 26.

Rhoda's 9-o'c-k Co.: Syracuse, N. Y., 20; Norwich, 21; Lyons, 22; Rochester, 24, week; Warren, Pa., Dec. 5.

Rosa: Toronto, Chatham, Ont., 21; Ann Arbor, Mich., 24; Toledo, O., 25, 26; Detroit, Mich., 27, 28, 29; Lima, O., Dec. 2; Sandusky, 3.

Rag Baby Co.: Detroit, 17, week; Philadelphia, Dec. 8, week.

Rose Eytinge: Portland, Oregon, 17, week.

Rolland-Reed: Albany, 20, 21, 22; Wilkesbarre, Pa., 26; Scranton, 27; Reading, 28; Mauch Chunk, 29; Philadelphia, Dec. 1, week; Harlem, N. Y., Dec. 8, week.

Rogers and Chase: Rochester, N. Y., 18, 19, 20; Troy, 24, 25.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Mr. Booth's Opening.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MIRROR.]

BOSTON, Nov. 19.—Hamlet, with Edwin Booth, supported by the Boston Museum company, crowded the house Monday night. Mr. Booth was called before the curtain several times and played at his best. The support was good in the main. A bit of business done by Caroline Thorpe as Ophelia was very effective, and original as far as my recollection serves. When she appeared in the fourth act, after the death of Polonius, she threw her white scarf down in the shape of a cross and decorated it with evergreens and flowers. Miss Edwina Booth and a party of friends were in one of the boxes.

Orpheus and Eurydice had a crowded house at the Globe, as did Lotta in Nitouche at the Park. Good houses also greeted Fallon at the opening of his second week at the Hijou, Zazel at the beginning of his tenth week at the Bijou, A Hunt of Gold for its first appearance at the Howard, Pinafore at the Windsor, variety at the Bijou, Oona at Harrington Hall, Thanna and Lina Weber at Austin and Stone's Museum. Oona and Thanna seem to be first comers.

Quaker City Openings.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MIRROR.]

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 19.—Aimee's opening at the Opera House drew a large audience. Mam'zelle is novel in plot and construction, and furnishes a remarkably bright entertainment. Aimee displays great intelligence and her wit is like champagne—full of sparkle. The company is an unusually strong one. J. O. Barrows was particularly happy as Tupper. Laura Wallace and Newton Chisnell deserve praise for very clever work.

At the Arch Oil to Egypt was sung to a good many people. It is but a gilded frame for variety "turns" and burlesque. Eight dancers were introduced, and this idea, serving as it does to break the monotony, is well received. Unus W. H. Rising and Kate Foley fulfil the burden of the work. The fun is entirely too broad.

Dazie began its second week at Haverly's to a big house. Suba is now working smoothly, and the attendance is all that could be desired. John A. Stevens, in Passion's Slave, at the National, is playing to big business.

At the Walnut Raymond opened in In Paradise. House large and appreciative. William Collington scores a hit.

Louise Pomeray's New Play.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MIRROR.]

NEW HAVEN, Nov. 19.—Louise Pomeroy appeared at the New Haven Opera House on Monday evening in a five-act emotional drama entitled The Outcast. The play is adapted from the French of Edmond About, and was acted with the following cast:

Margaret Mann	Louise Pomeroy
Athole de Chateau Velasquez	Louise Ralfe
Mother Mann	Elizabeth Andrews
Duchesse de Chateau Velasquez	Mrs. Emelie Bonnell
Marquise D'Aubigny	Adele Clark
Mara	Caroline Allen
Little Raymond	Little Pearl
Lizette	Constance Moore
Laurent	Max Rosenberg
Raymond, Marquis de Aubigny	Edward Warren
Vic or	George Harvey
Dr. Valentin	Wm. S. Griffith
Duke de Chateau Velasquez	Arthur Elliott

When the scissors and the pen shall have finished their work, the play will be in a better condition to be judged as to its longevity. It is full of strong situations, but the climaxes are too frequent and the denouement flat. It was fairly acted.

A Precocious Tragedian.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MIRROR.]

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—A large audience, made up in no small part of friends and well wishers, attended the debut of Master Walker Whiteside, aged fourteen, at the Grand Opera House. He appeared as Richard III. The youth displayed more precocity than artistic merit. The friendly audience was liberal in applause.

Rhea opened at Haverly's before a small but discriminating audience, presenting Elizabeth. There was but little merit in the performance aside from the star's acting. She still retains the power to move her audiences.

Lawrence Barrett, in Yorick's Love, was given an enthusiastic reception at McVicker's. The audience was large.

Only a Farmer's Daughter opened to a good house at the Academy. At Hooley's, The Black Flag is drawing well. At the Criterion, Fay Templeton, in The Mascotte, opened to a fair house. The Goodwins, in Hobbies, are crowding the Standard.

Miscellaneous.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MIRROR.]

FALL RIVER, Mass., Nov. 19.—Mrs. Henrietta Chanfrau opened her season here Monday night, making her first appearance since the death of her husband. A Bankrupt's Wife was the play. Very poor. Clifton W. Tayleure played Harry Anson and Henry T. Chanfrau (under the name of H. C. Trenchard) Benny Shirley.

SYRACUSE, Nov. 19.—The Monday night openings were not largely attended. The Colley Sisters, at the Wieting and William Redford, at the Grand, were the attractions. Barney Campbell is here.

DUBUQUE, Nov. 19.—At the Academy, Nobody's Claim proved sensational enough to fill both galleries, and there was a fair sprinkling down stairs. Hayden and Kennedy's Bright Lights filled the Adelphi. The Court Street Theatre had a light audience. A Midnight Marriage was the bill. Business will likely improve on better acquaintance. It is a strong play well acted. The blinds are promised large houses at the Academy the latter part of the week, the advance sale being very good.

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